

A TRUE  
ACCOUNT

OF THE

Great Tryals and Cruel Sufferings  
undergone by those two faithful  
Servants of God,

KATHERINE EVANS

And

SARAH CHEEVERS,

In the time of their above three  
years and a halfs Confinement  
in the Island MALTA.

Also, How God at last by his Almighty  
Power effected their Deliverance, and  
brought them back into the Land of  
their Nativity.

*John To which is added, Ely.*  
A short RELATION from George  
Robinson, of the Sufferings that beset him  
in his Journey to Jerusalem; and how  
God saved him from the hands of Cru-  
elty when the Sentence of Death was  
passed against him. *his Book*—

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**M***Any there be among the Nations in the World, that in their haste have unjustly condemned the innocent, guiltless, and harmless People of the Lord of Hosts (scornfully called Quakers) viz. That they are Papists, Jesuites, and what not, adhering to the Whorish false Church of Rome: I say to such on this wise, which is my advice, as a man to his friend, to whom this may come: Be not hasty to judge before the time, as many do to their own hurt, guilt and condemnation: before they have a clear and*

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right understanding of the things that differ from Equity and Truth, and so the Nobility of the Mind which should weigh and passe true Sentence of sound and perfect Judgement, the same being veiled with a hasty dark spirit of prejudice, or evil-surmising, which gets up into the seat of enmity, and therein passeth Sentence of the pure Way and things of God as Evil, Heresie, and what not? And thus it comes to passe, and indeed it cannot be otherwise with such that have not their minds stayed and fixed in that which is perfect and true, and clear and single, as is the clear manifestation of the Grace of Life, which is the Light of the Lord Jesus shining in the heart and conscience of the sons and daughters of men; and the same Light of the Lord which enlightneth the poor and deceitful man's eyes, is the true measure and equal ballance, which all are to try, and prove, and weigh words, thoughts, intents, wayes and actions, whether they be justifiable

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stifiable or condemnable : and hereby with the same measure of the true Spirit of God, who is Light, is true sentence to be passed accordingly : For if that which is perfectly true be measured with a false measure, or with an unequal ballance, it doth appear so to all that behold the same with an evil eye, or measure that with the same measure : save onely to them that discern the measure, weight, or ballance : As for instance, as to the thing natural : If a deceitful man with a false measure, being guided by a deceiverable spirit (albeit his eyes be enlightened with the Light of the Lord, -- Prov. which is true) if he measure a piece of Cloth to his Customer with his deceitful measure, though the Cloth be good, yet he not giving it its true measure, the simple-hearted is thereby deceived, and knoweth it not till it be brought to a true measure, which doth answer the true Principle, or Light of God in the conscience to Justification, as

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doth not the false, but contrariwise: Wherefore it is needful, and of absolute concernment, for the mind of every man male and female, to be guided and exercised in the true manifestation of the Light of Jesus in the conscience; and so blessed is the man, the people, the family that bring their deeds to the Light, that they may be manifest they are wrought in God who is Light, who is Truth; and so what is here following, written and published, is to be tryed and proved by the Witness of God in every Conscience, which is true, and will answer to the same things or words that spring forth from its own clear nature.

Therefore, when thou hast honestly read this throughout with a meek spirit of sobriety and moderation, that's single and pure, then with the same spirit of singleness and of true discerning, judge honestly, and cease from hastiness in such matters of Eternity, lest a place of Repentance become finally hid from thine eyes,

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eyes, not to Salvation, but contrariwise: which I desire not, neither doth the Lord, whose Servant, a living and true Witness, I am, for Him, his Truth and People, of these things and much more.

Wherefore let the Reader see hereby, how that the Lord hath chosen the foolish things of this life to confound the wise, and that the living God Eternal hath chosen the weak things, to confound and bring to nought the things that are mighty, subtil, and potent; yea, base things, which are so deemed despicable and contemptible, yet behold God hath chosen them; and things that are not approvable in the sight of the prudent of this world, even to bring to nought things that are.

But may some say, Wherefore, or why doth the most High, Wise, Invisible, Immortal God do thus?

My Answer is one and the same as the Apostle saith, viz. That no flesh should glory in His presence, who of

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God is made in us, Wisdom, Righteousness, Sanctification, and Redemption. And why should it be accounted such a foolish thing in the eyes of the wise men of this world, to see the wisdom of God dispensed through a weak Vessel? as is a free-born woman from above, a weaker Vessel than that of the man.

Now tell me, O man of understanding, What must not the Spirit of Christ, or the same that is begotten of God in the female, as well as in the male, what must not (I say) the same Spirit of Life from God speak, but be limited in the weaker Vessel, in the foolish Vessel, in the Vessel which is not esteemed, but base, contemptible and despised in the eyes of lofty man, that must be laid low, who excels in that wisdom and knowledge which is not from above, but otherwise, brutish, and puffeth up the fleshly mind that's enmity to God, and is therefore to be confounded and moved backward, and  
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*slain upon the Cross, which is the Power of God that crucifieth the lusts and inordinate affections of the flesh, which thereby come to be silent before the Lord, who is that one and self-same Spirit that is quick and powerful; so that not any other spirit governs or rules over the members of the body, but that which created the body; and every Member which is to have the Supream Authority and Preheminence, as well in the female as in the male; and so He the Spirit of Truth, that's to guide into all Truth; He, the Man, is not he to speak? viz. Christ in the male, the same in the female, where He is risen and manifest as King, Priest and Prophet, a Guide, Leader, and Commander in all equitable and just things which are truly honourable?*

*But the Woman was in the transgression against the Spirit; Fleshlust-13-14  
eth against the Spirit, saith the Apostle; 18 -  
and the Woman (that's in the transgression) is to be under obedience, and to be*

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be in silence, to learn in silence, and to ask her Husband at home: But what if she have a disorderly drunken husband (and not Christ the Man, the true Husband, the true Lord) how can he teach her, seeing the Woman is to learn of her Husband in silence, and to be under obedience (and not to usurp Authority over the Man) as also saith the Law, which hath dominion over all that are under it in the transgression? but the Spirit of Grace and Truth that's poured upon Sons and Daughters, teacheth us to deny the sin, and guideth from the same, and so maketh free from its Condemnation, and from under the Law, to be under the Grace and Truth that is in the one Seed, Christ, in the Male Christ, in the Female, the quickening Spirit, the Lord from Heaven: And those who are led and guided by this, are not under the Law, which saith, the woman is not to usurp authority over the man, as also saith the able Minister  
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*of the Mystery of the glory and riches of Eternity, which is Christ the fulness in his Saints, their hope of Life and Glory: But the Woman is to be under obedience, as also saith the Law; yea, but they that are led by the Spirit, are not under the Law, so are the Sons of God manifest; yet under the Grace covered; the same Grace with which the Man-Child, the holy Child Jesus was covered and filled with; the same, and no other but that which did and doth save the Saints from sin, and so from under the Law and its condemnation; and not only so, but also the same Grace which bringeth Salvation, and appeareth to all men; it teacheth them not onely to deny ungodliness and worldly lusts, but also to live soberly and righteously in this present world. And verily this Grace is in them, which saves and justifieth them; and it's not of themselves, it is the gift of God.*

*And such are the Servants of the living and true God, that have their fruits*

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fruits (and possess the same) unto Holiness; and not only so, but the end of the same, which is the pure manifestation of the Eternal Substance, to wit, Everlasting Life, pure clean Power, which is the excellent Treasure in the Earthen Vessels, as saith the holy Scripture, 2 Cor. 4.

But O ye Congregations of the dead! ye gathered Churches of so many Names and Heads, to you sounds my Voice, saying, What have ye done? Oh! how guilty do ye appear before mine eye that's single (in the Lord's Light) of despising Prophecying, and quenching the tender Spirit of Glory, which resteth at this day in and upon many Sons and Daughters; and behold, if ye can see how they do, and have prophesied in the Name of the Lord, and have forewarned you of that which is justly come to pass upon you, whilst many of you despised and wondred, in the dayes of haughtiness, and its prosperity among you. But, O  
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*my soul, how hast thou been wounded in me, whilst I have travelled and mourned over you! And so you have been found despising that, and quenching that Spirit of Grace which teacheth the Saints in Light, and reproves for sin, and testifieth against the World and its deeds, because they are evil.*

*And this same Spirit strived long with you, and in you, and would have arisen up in its Authority, Power and great Glory from on high, had ye not preferred and exalted the spirit of this World in its proper place in you, above the Just and Long-suffering, which is but one and the same in male and female.*

*Oh! what have you done? Can any of you yet smite upon your thigh, and say so yet? if ye can, enquire, enquire ye, the Watchman's voice is the same it was, and not otherwise; viz. Return, come; yea, return and come to the tender Spirit of holiness, and of the gentleness*

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ness of Christ, and his yoke of Self-denial, and the daily Cross, they are the two great Ordinances which ye have left behind; and so the ~~W~~ail and the Dark-ness hath covered you; but the true Israelites have Light in their dwellings, and their habitations are in the best of the Land of the living.

Wherefore my spirit saith, Return, come and hearken to the Lamb's Voice, and now see whether ye can follow Him (or a stranger) wheresoever he goeth, that's the true Prophet, raised up like unto Moses, and obey his Voice, which savoureth not of this World; for so his Kingdom and Servants are not. Therefore beware, lest your souls be cut off from the Land of the Living, and ye perish in the outward observations, (by which the Kingdom cometh not) among the Congregations of the dead, where ye are yet seeking the living; But I, as a Brother (even Joseph) tel you yet again, He is not there, but is arisen from the dead,

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dead, from death to life, who is the quickning Spirit, the Lord from Heaven, over the Earth; over all the Land Ægypt, over the Land of Darknes; the same Lord, the same Spirit which hath done excellent things, is exalted in the new Heaven, and in the new Earth, wherein dwelleth Righteousness; and let the Virgin-Daughter of Sion publish the same, even from hence forth to all generations; yea, and my spirit is ready to say, Amen.

There was one that saw a little Stone cut out of the Mountain without hands, and he well retained his sight so long until (in the Light of the living) he saw the same which was so little, wax so great, that it became an exceeding great Mountain.

Verily, the beloved City is manifest, set upon a holy Hill; it cannot be hid from them that see; the Glory of God doth enlighten it, and the Lamb is the Light thereof, and his Light is like unto

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unto a Stone most precious, clear as  
Chrystal.

The Fountain is opened free; come  
down from on high, and thou shalt see if  
thou dost thirst for Springs of Life. To  
the Light submit thy mind, and cease  
from strife, in the same to behold the  
Bride, the Lamb's Wife, from the false  
Church.

Dan. Baker.

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A SALUTATION and INFORMATION to the whole Body of the Elect of God, whether gathered or scattered abroad upon the face of the whole Earth.

O Ye Eternal and blessed Ones, whose dwelling is on high, in the fulness of all Beauty and Brightness, Glory, and everlasting Joy, Happiness and Peace for evermore; We, who are poor Sufferers for the Seed of God, in the Covenant of Light, Life and Truth, do dearly salute and imbrace you all, according to our measures; Blessing, and Honour and Glory be given to our Lord God for ever, of all who know him, who hath counted us worthy, and hath chosen us among his faithful Ones, to bear his Name, and to witness forth his Truth, before the High

and Mighty men of the Earth, and to fight the Lord's Battel with his spiritual Weapons, to the breaking down of strong holds, high lofty looks and vain imaginations, and spiritual wickedness in high places.

The Lord did give us a prosperous Journey hither, and when we came to *Legorn*, we were refreshed with Friends [who were there before us] and they did get a passage for us (and lodging) but as soon as we heard of the Vessel, we did feel our Service. So we went into the City in the living Power of the Lord, and there were many tender hearts did visit us, to their comfort, and our joy: The little time we staid there, we gave some of our Books and one Paper: so journeying towards *Alexandria*, the Captain told us that *Malta* was in the way, and he must put in there a small time. But before we came there, our burthen was so heavy, that I was made to cry out (saying) *Oh we have a dreadful Cup to drink at that place! Oh how am I straitned till it be accomplished!*

2 And when we came there, the Walls of the City were full of people; some stood on the top of the Walls, as if something had troubled them. Before we came there,

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we stood upon the Deck of the Ship, and I looked upon them, and said in my heart, *Shall ye destroy us? If we give up to the Lord, then he is sufficient to deliver us out of their hands; but if we disobey our God, all those could not deliver us out of his hand.* So all fear of man was taken from us.

The English Consul came aboard the Ship (as the Captain said) but we did not see him, and invited us to his House, it was the seventh, or last day of the week. The next morning, being moved of the Lord, we went a-shore, and the Consul met us, and we gave him a Paper, who sent us to his House with his Servant; and when we came there, at the present we were well entertained (like Princes) their Neighbours and Kinsfolk came in, and some Jesuites, and we gave them Books; they read a little, and laid them down, they were too hot: We declared our Message to them in the Name of the Lord, and we gave some Books in the Street; so they were all set on work. Away went the Friars to the King (or Supream in the Island) and he would not meddle with us, but said, we were honest women, we might go about our business; and that

night we went a-board the Ship again :  
 the Consul was troubled, for their snare  
 was laid, and we felt it : Being moved of  
 the Lord, we went in again the next day;  
 and the Consul having a Sister in the Nun-  
 nery, desired us to go thither, that she  
 might see us ; and we went to them, and  
 gave them a Book ; then to the Consuls  
 we returned again, and sitting to wait to  
 know the mind of the Lord, what he would  
 have us to do, he said we must give in the  
 great Paper ; and if we would go to save  
 our life, we should lose it.

*Here*

*Here followeth a Copy of some more words  
which they had written before the for-  
mer was given forth.*

**A** True Declaration concerning the  
Lord's love to us in all our Voy-  
age. We were at Sea, between *London* and  
*Plymouth*, many Weeks, and one day we  
had some tryals; and between *Plymouth*  
and *Legorn* we were 31. days, and we had  
many tryals and storms within and with-  
out; but the Lord did deliver us out of all.  
And when we came to *Legorn*, with the  
rest of our friends, we went into the Town  
after we had product, and stayed there ma-  
ny dayes, where we had service every day;  
for all sorts of People came unto us, but  
no man did offer to hurt us, yet we gave  
them Books; and having got passage in a  
Dutch ship, we sailed towards *Cyprus*, in-  
tending to go to *Alexandria*; but the Lord  
had appointed something for us to do by  
the way, as he did make it manifest to us,  
as I did speak; for the Master of the ship  
had no business in the place, but being in  
company with another ship, which had

Some business at the City of *Malta*, (in  
 the Island of *Malta*, where *Paul* suffered  
 shipwrack,) and being in the Harbour, on  
 the first day of the week, we being moved  
 of the Lord, went into the Town, and the  
*English* Consul met us on the shore, and  
 asked us concerning our coming, and we  
 told him truth, and gave him some Books,  
 and a Paper, and he told us there was an  
 Inquisition, and he kindly entreated us to  
 go to his house, and said, All that he had  
 was at our service while we were there.  
 And in the fear and dread of the Lord we  
 went, and there came many to see us, and  
 we called them to repentance, and many  
 of them were tender, but the whole City is  
 given to Idolatry. And we went a ship-  
 board that night, and the next day we be-  
 ing moved to go into the City again, dared  
 not to flee the Cross, but in obedience  
 went, desiring the will of God to be done.  
 And when we came to the Governour, he  
 told us that he had a sister in the Nunnery  
 did desire to see us if we were free; and  
 in the fear of God we went, and talked  
 with them, and gave them a Book, and one  
 of their Priests was with us (at the Nun-  
 nery) and had us into their place of Wor-  
 ship, and some would have us bow to the  
 high

high Altar, which we did deny ; and having a great burthen, we went to the Consul again, and were waiting upon the Lord what to do, that we might know.

And the Inquisitors sent for us, and when we came before them ; they asked our Names, and the Names of our Husbands, and the Names of our Fathers and Mothers, and how many Children we had ; and they asked us, *Wherefore we came into that Country ?* And we told them, We were the Servants of the living God, and were moved to come and call them to Repentance ; and many other Questions, and they went away, but commanded that we should be stayed there. And the next day they came again, and called for us, and we came ; but they would examine us apart, and called *Sarah*, and they asked, *Whether she was a true Catholick ?* She said, That she was a true Christian that worshippeth God in Spirit and in Truth ; and they proffered her the Crucifix, and would have had her swear that she would speak the Truth ; and she said she should speak the Truth, but she would not swear, for Christ commanded her *not to swear*, saying, *Swear not at all*. And the *English* Consul perswaded her with much entreating, to swear, say-

ing, *None should do her any harm.* But she denied; and they took some Books from her, and would have had her swear by them, but she would not: And they asked, *Wherefore she brought the Books?* And she said, Because we could not speak their Language, and they might know wherefore we came; and they asked of her, what *George Fox* was; and she said, he was a Minister. And they asked *wherefore she came thither?* she said, To do the Will of God, as she was moved of the Lord. And they asked, *How the Lord did appear unto her?* And she said, by his Spirit. And they asked, *Where she was when the Lord appeared unto her?* And she said, upon the Way. And they asked, *Whether she did see his Presence, and hear his Voice?* And she said, she did hear his Voice, and saw his Presence. And they asked, *What he said to her?* And she said, the Lord told her she must go over the Seas to do his Will. And they asked, *How she knew it was the Lord?* And she said, He bid her go, and his living Presence should go with her, and he was faithful that had promised, for she did feel his living Presence. So they went away. Two dayes after they came again, and called for me, and offered me the Crucifix, and

and told me, the Magistrate commanded me to swear that I would speak the Truth. And I told them that I should speak the Truth, for I was a Witness for God; but I should not swear, for a greater than the Magistrate saith, *Swear not at all; but, let your yea, be yea; and your nay, nay; for what so ever is more cometh of evil.* But said they, *You must obey the Justice, and he commands you to swear.* I said, *I should obey Justice, but if I should swear, I should do an unjust thing; for (the just) Christ said, Swear not at all.* And they asked me, *Whether I did own that Christ that died at Jerusalem?* I answered, *We owned the same Christ, and no other, he is the same yesterday, to day and for ever.*

And they asked me, *What I would do at Jerusalem?* I said, *I did not know that I should go there, but I should go to Alexandria;* and they said, *What to do?* and I said, *to do the Will of God;* and if the Lord did open my mouth, I should call them to Repentance, and declare to them the day of the Lord, and direct their minds from darkness to Light.

Then they asked me, *Whether I did tremble when I did preach?* And I told them, *I did tremble when the power of God*

God was upon me. And they asked, *whether I did see the Lord?* I said, God was a Spirit, and he was spiritually discerned.

That day that we were had from the *English* Consuls to the Inquisition, the Consuls Wife brought us meat to eat, and as she past by me, I was smote with an Arrow to the heart, and I heard a voice, saying, *It is finished, she hath obtained her purpose.* I did not taste of her meat, but went aside and wept bitterly. The Consul did affirm to us the night before, that there was no such thing, (as to ensnare us) intended; but it was in us as fire; and our souls were heavy even unto death; for many dayes before we saw in a Vision of our going there, (to prison) and we said, *Pilate* would do the *Jews* a pleasure, and wash his hands in innocency. He required a sign of me, if we were the Messengers of God; and the Lord gave me a sign for him, that stuck by him while he lived. The same day it was he called me, and told me, the Inquisition had sent for us, and they had Papers from *Rome*, and he did hope we should be set free, which was a lye; For he knew there was a room prepared for us. And there came a man with a black Rod, and the Chancellor and the Consul, and had

had us before their Lord Inquisitor, and he asked us, *Whether we had changed our minds yet?* We said, Nay, we should not change from the Truth. He asked, *What new Light we talkt of?* We said, no new Light, but the same the *Prophets* and *Apostles* bare testimony to. Then he said. *How came this Light to be lost ever since the Primitive times?* We said, it was not lost, men had it still (in them) but they did not know it, by reason that the night of *Apostacy* had, and hath overspread the Nations. Then he said, *If we would change our minds, and do as they would have us to do, we should say so, or else they would use us as they pleased.* We said, the Will of the Lord be done. And he arose up and went his way with the Consul, and left us there. And the man with the black Rod, and the Keeper, took us and put us into an inner room in the Inquisition, which had but two little holes in it for light or air; but the glory of the Lord did shine round about us.

After the Consul came with tears in his eyes, and said, *he was as sorry as for his own flesh, but there was some hopes in time;* and so he went away, but never had peace while he lived. He would have given up the thirty pieces of silver again, but it would

would not be received ; the Witness was risen much in him, but slavish fear posselt him. This was upon the sixth day of the Week, and our stomachs were taken away from all meat.

The next second day came a Magistrate, two Friars, & the man with the black Rod, and a Scribe, and the Keeper to the Inquisition, to sit upon Judgement, and examined us apart, concerning our faith in Christ. The Magistrate would have had us to swear, and we answered, No ; Christ said, *Swear not at all* ; and so said James the Apostle. He asked, *if we would speak Truth* ? We said, Yea. He asked, *Whether we did believe the Creed* ? We said, we did believe in God, and in Jesus Christ, which was born of the Virgin Mary, and suffered at Jerusalem under Pilate, and arose again from the dead the third day, and ascended to his Father, and shall come to judgement, to judge both quick and dead. He asked, *How we did believe the Resurrection* ? We answered, we did believe that the just and the unjust should arise, according to the Scriptures. He said, *Do you believe in the Saints, and pray to them* ? We said, we did believe the Communion of Saints, but we did not pray to them, but to God onely,

in the Name of Jesus Christ. He asked, *Whether we did believe in the Catholick Church?* We said, we did believe the true Church of Christ; but the word *Catholick* we have not read in Scripture. He asked, *If we believed a Purgatory?* We said, No; but a Heaven and a Hell. The Friar said, *We were commanded to pray for the dead; for those that were in Heaven had no need, and they that were in Hell, there is no redemption; therefore there must be a Purgatory.* He asked, *If we believed their holy Sacrament?* We said, we never read the Word *Sacrament* in Scripture. The Friar replied, *Where we did read in our Bibles, Sanctification, it was Sacrament in theirs.* He said, *Their holy Sacrament was Bread and Wine, which they converted into the Flesh and Blood of Christ, by the virtue of Christ.* We said, they did work Miracles then, for Christ's virtue is the same as it was when he turned Water into Wine, at the Marriage in Canaan. He said, *If we did not eat the Flesh, and drink the Blood of the Son of God, we had no Life in us.* We said, the Flesh and Blood of Christ is spiritual, and we do feed upon it daily; for that which is begotten of God in us, can no more live without spiritual food, than our temporal bodies can with-

without temporal food. He said, *That we did never hear Mass.* We said, we did hear the voice of Christ, he only had the words of eternal Life, and that was sufficient for us. He said, *We were Hereticks and Heathens.* We said, they were *Hereticks* that lived in sin and wickedness, and such were *Heathens* that knew not God. He asked about our *Meetings in England*; And we told them the truth to their amazement. And they asked, *Who was the Head of our Church?* We said, Christ. And they asked, *What George Fox is?* And we said, *He is a Minister of Christ.* They asked, *Whether he sent us?* We said, No; The Lord did move us to come. The Friar said, *We were deceived, and had not the faith: but we have all virtues.* We said, that faith was the ground from whence virtues do proceed. They said, *If we would take their holy Sacrament, we might have our liberty; or else the Pope would not leave us for millions of Gold, but we should lose our souls and our bodies too.* We said, the Lord had provided for our souls, and our bodies were freely given up to serve the Lord. They askt us, *If we did not believe Marriage was a Sacrament?* We said, it was an Ordinance of God. They askt us, *If we did believe*  
*men*

*men could forgive sins?* We said, none could forgive sins but God onely. They brought us that Scripture, *Whose sins ye remit in earth, shall be remitted in heaven.* We said, all Power was Gods, & he could give it to whom he would (that were born of the eternal Spirit, and guided by the same; such have power to do the Fathers Will, as I answered a Friar also in the City of Naples) and they were silent, the Power greatly working. We asked them wherein we had wronged them, that we should be kept Prisoners all days of our lives; and said, Our innocent blood would be required at their hands!

The Friar said, *He would take our blood upon him, and our journey into Turkey too.* We told him, the time would come he would find he had enough upon him without it. They said, *The Pope was Christ's Vicar, and we were of his Church, and what he did, was for the good of our Souls.* We answered, The Lord had not committed the charge of our souls to the Pope, nor to them; for he had taken them into his own possession, glory was to his Name for ever. They said, *We must be obedient.* We said, we were obedient to the government of Christs Spirit. The Friar said, *None had the true Light*

*but the Catholicks; the Light that we had, was the spirit of the Devil.*

*We said, Wo to him that calleth Jesus accursed: Can the Devil give power over sin and iniquity? then he would destroy his own kingdom. He said, We were laugh't at, and mock't at of everyone. We said, What did become of the mockers? It was no matter. He said, We did run about to preach, and had not the true Faith. We said the true Faith is held in a pure Conscience void of offence towards God and man; and we had the true Faith. And he said, There was but one Faith, either theirs, or ours; and ask'd us which it was? We said, Every one had the true Faith, that did believe in God, and in Jesus whom he had sent; but they that say they do believe, and do not keep his Commandments, are lyars, and the truth is not in them. He said it was true: but he did thirst daily for our blood, because we would not turn, and urg'd us much about our Faith and Sacrament, to bring us under their Law; but the Lord preserved us.*

*They said, It was impossible we could live long in that hot room. So the next week-day they sate in Council; but, Oh how the swelling Sea did rage, and the proud waves did*

did foam, even unto the clouds of Heaven! and Proclamation was made at the Prison-Gate, we did not know the words; but the fire of the Lord flamed against it, [K.] my life was smitten, and I was in a very great agony, so that sweat was as drops of blood, and the Righteous One was laid into a Sepulcher, and a great stone was roll'd to the door; but the Prophecy was, that he should rise again the third day, which was fulfilled. But the next day they came to sit upon Judgement again, [but I say, in the true Judgment they sate not, but upon it they got up unjustly above the Righteous, and upon the same they sate; a Child of Wisdom may understand] and they brought many Propositions written in a Paper, but the Friar would suffer the Magistrate to propound but few to us, for fear the Light would break forth: But they ask'd, *how many Friends of ours were gone forth in the Ministry, and into what parts?* We told them what we did know. They said, *All that came where the Pope had any thing to do, should never go back again.* We said, the Lord was as sufficient for us, as he was for the Children in the fiery Furnace, and our trust was in God. They said, *we were but few, and had been but a little while, but they*

were many Countries, and had stood many hundred years, and wrought many Miracles; and we had none. We said, we had thousands at our Meetings, but none of us dare speak a word, but as they are eternally moved of the Lord: and we had Miracles; The Blind receive their sight, the Deaf do hear, and the Dumb do speak, the Poor do receive the Gospel, the Lame do walk, and the Dead are raised. He asked, *Why I look'd so, whether my Spirit was weak?* I said, Nay, my body was weak, because I eat no meat, [it was in their Lent] He offered me a Licence to eat flesh. I said I could not eat any thing at all, the terrors of death were strongly upon me.

But three nights after the Lord said unto me, about the eleventh hour, *Arise, and put on your clothes.* I said, *When wilt thou come, Lord?* He said, *Whether at midnight, or at Cock-crow, do thou watch.* My Friend and I arose, and the Lord said, *Go, stand at the Door.* And we stood at the door in the Power of the Lord, I did scarce know whether I was in the body, or out of the body: And about the twelfth hour there came many to the Prison-Gate: We heard the Keyes, and looked when they would come in. They  
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ran to and fro till the fourth hour; and the Lord said; he had smote them with blindness, they could not find the way. And we went to bed, where I lay night and day for twelve dayes together, fasting and sweating, that my bed was wet, and great was our affliction.

The tenth day of my fast there came two Fryars, the Chancellor, the man with the black Rod, and a Physician, and the Keeper; and the Friar commanded my dear Friend to go out of the room, and he came and pull'd my hand out of the bed, and said, *Is the Devil so great in you, that you cannot speak?* I said, Depart from me thou worker of iniquity, I know thee not; the Power of the Lord is upon me; and thou callest him Devil. He took his Crucifix to strike me in the mouth; and I said, Look here! and I asked him, Whether it were that Cross which crucified Paul to the World, and the World unto him? And he said, *it was.* I denied him, and said, the Lord had made me a Witness for himself against all workers of iniquity. He bid me be obedient, and went to strike me. I said, Wilt thou strike me? He said, *he would.* I said, Thou art out of the Apostles Doctrine, they were no strikers; I deny

deny thee to be any of them who went in the Name of the Lord. He said, *he had brought me a Physician in charity.* I said, the Lord was my Physician, and my saving-health. He said, *I should be whipt, and quartered, and burnt that night in Malta, and my Mate too: wherefore did we come to teach them?* I told him I did not fear, the Lord was on our side, and he had no power but what he had received, and if he did not use it to the same end, the Lord gave it him, the Lord would judge him. And they were all smitten as dead men, and went away.

And as soon as they were gone, the Lord said unto me, **The last Enemy that shall be destroyed, is Death;** and the Life arose over Death, and I glorified God. The Friar went to my Friend, and told her, *I called him worker of iniquity.* Did she, said Sarah? *Art thou without sin?* He said *he was*; Then she hath wronged thee. [ But I say, the wise Reader may judge: ] For between the eighth and ninth hour in the evening, he sent a Drum to proclaim at the Prison-Gate; We know not what it was, but the Fire of the Lord consumed it. And about the fourth hour in the morning they were coming with a Drum and Guns; and

and the Lord said unto me, **Arise out of thy Grave-clothes :** And we arose, and they came up to the Gate to devour us in a moment. But the Lord lifted up his Standard with his own Spirit of Might, and made them to retreat, and they fled as dust before the wind, praises and honour be given to our God for ever. I went to bed again, and the Lord said unto me, **Herod will seek the young Child's life, to destroy it yet again ;** and great was my affliction, so that my dear Fellow-Labourer in the Work of God, did look every hour when I should depart the body for many dayes together ; and we did look every hour when we should be brought to the stake day and night for several weeks, and **Isaac** was freely offered up : but the Lord said, he had provided a Ram in the bush.

Afterwards the Friar came again with his Phyfician ; I told him, that I could not take any thing, unless I was moved of the Lord. He said, *we must never come forth of that Room while we lived, and we might thank God and him it was no worse, for it was like to be worse.* We said, if we had died, we had died as innocent as ever did Servants of the Lord. He said it was well we were innocent. They did (also) look

still when I would die. The Friar bid my Friend take notice what torment I would be in at the hour of death; thousands of Devils (he said) would fetch my soul to Hell. She said, she did not fear any such thing.

And he asked, if I did not think it expedient for the Elders of the Church to pray over the sick? I said, Yea, such as were eternally moved of the Spirit of the Lord. He fell down on his knees and did howl, and wish bitter wishes upon himself if he had not the true Faith; but we denyed him. The Physician was in a great rage at Sarah, because she could not bow to him, but to God only.

The last day of my Fast I began to be an hungry, but was afraid to eat, the Enemy was so strong; but the Lord said unto me, If thine Enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire upon his head. Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good. I did eat, and was refreshed, and glorified God; and in the midst of our extremity the Lord sent his holy Angels to comfort us, so that we rejoiced and magnified God; and in the time of our great tryal, the Sun and Earth did mourne visibly three dayes, and the horror

horror of Death and pains of Hell was upon me; the Sun was darkned, the Moon was turned into blood, and the Stars did fall from Heaven, and there was great tribulation ten dayes, such as never was from the beginning of the world; and then I did see the Son of man coming in the Clouds with Power and great Glory, triumphing over his Enemies; the Heavens were on fire, and the Elements did melt with fervent heat, and the Trumpet sounded out of *Sion*, and an Allarm was struck up in *Jerusalem*, and all the Enemies of God were called to the great Day of Battel of the Lord. And I saw a great Wonder in Heaven, the Woman cloathed with the Sun, and had the Moon under her feet, and a Crown of twelve Stars upon her head, and she travelled in pain ready to be delivered of a Man-child; and there was a great Dragon stood ready to devour the Man-child as soon as it was born: and there was given to the Woman two wings of a great Eagle to carry her into the Desert, where she should be nourished for a time, times, and half a time; and the Dragon cast a Flood out of his mouth; &c. And I saw War in Heaven, *Michael* and his Angels against the *Dragon* and his An-  
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gels, and the Lamb and his Army did overcome them. And there was a Trumpet sounded in Heaven, and I heard a Voice saying to me, **The City is divided into three parts.** And I heard another Trumpet sounding, and I looked and saw an Angel go down into a great Pool of water, and I heard a Voice saying unto me, **Whosoever goeth down next after the troubling of the waters, shall be healed of whatsoever Disease he hath.** And I heard another Trumpet sounding, and I heard a Voice saying, **Babylon is fallen, is fallen; Babylon the great is fallen.** And I looked and saw the smoke of her torment how it did ascend; and I heard another Trumpet sounding, and I heard a Voice saying, **Rejoyce and be exceeding glad, for great is your Reward in Heaven: for he that is mighty hath magnified you, and Holy is his Name:** And from henceforth all generations shall call you blessed. And I heard another Trumpet sounding in Heaven, and I heard a Voice saying unto me, **Behold!** and I looked, and I saw **Pharaoh** and his Host pursuing the Children of **Israel**; and he and his Host were drowned in the Sea.

Dear

Dear Friends and People, whatsoever I have written, it is not because it is recorded in the Scripture, or that I have heard of such things ; but in obedience to the Lord I have written the things which I did hear, see, tasted and handled of the good Word of God, to the praise of his Name for ever.

And all this time my dear Sister in Christ Jesus, was in as great affliction as I (in a manner) to see my strong Travel night and day ; yet she was kept in the patience, and would willingly have given me up to death, that I might have been at rest ; yet she would have been left in as great danger, wo and misery, as ever was any poor captive for the Lord's truth ; for they did work night and day with their Divinations, Inchantments and Temptations, thinking thereby to bring us under their power ; but the Lord prevented them every way, so that great was their rage ; and they came often with their Physician, and said it was in charity : I askt them whether they did keep us in that hot room to kill us, and bring us a Physitian to make us alive.

The Fryar said, *The Inquisitor would lose his Head if he should take us thence ; and it was better to keep us there, than to kill us.*

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: The Room was so hot and so close; that we were faine to rise often out of our bed, and lye down at a chink of their door for Air to fetch breath; and with the fire within, and the heat without, our skin was like sheeps Leather, and the Hair did fall off our heads, and we did sail often. Our Afflictions and Burthens were so great, that when it was day we wished for night; and when it was night we wished for day; we sought death, but could not find it; we desired to die, but death fled from us. We did eat our bread weeping, and mingled our drink with our Tears. We did write to the Inquisitor, and laid before him our Innocency, and our Faithfulness, in giving our Testimony for the Lord amongst them: And I told him, if it were our Blood they did thirst after, they might take it any other way, as well as to smother us up in that hot room. So he sent the Fryar, and he took away our *Ink-horns* (they had our *Bibles* before). We asked why they took away our goods? They said, *It was all theirs; and our Lives too, if they would.* We asked, how we had forfeited our lives unto them; they said, *For bringing Books and Papers.* We said, if there were any thing in them that was not true, they might write

write against it. They said, *They did scorn to write to Fools and Asses, that did not know true Latine.* And they told us, *the Inquisitor would have us separated, because I was weak, and I should go into a cooler room; but Sarah should abide there; I took her by the arm, and said, The Lord hath joyned us together, and wo be to them that should part us.* I said, I rather chuse to dye there with my Friend, than to part from her. He was smitten, and went away, and came no more in five weeks; and the door was not opened in that time. Then they came again to part us, but I was sick, and broken out from head to foot. They sent for a Doctor, and he said, *We must have air; or else we must dye.* So the Lord compelled them to go to the Inquisitor, and he gave order for the door to be set open six hours in a day: they did not part us till Ten weeks after: But oh the dark clouds and the sharp showers the Lord did carry us through! Death it self had been better than to have parted in that place. They said, *we corrupted each other, and that they thought when we were parted, we would have bowed to them.* But they found we were mote stronger afterwards than we were before; the Lord our God did fit us for every condition. They came

came and brought a Scourge of small Hemp, and asked us, *If we would have any of it.* They said, *They did whip themselves till the blood did come.* We said, that could not reach the Devil, he sate upon the heart. They said, *All the men and women of Malta were for us, if we would be Catholicks, for there would be none like unto us.* We said, the Lord had changed us into that which changed not. They said, *All their holy Women did pray for us, and we should be honoured of all the World if we would turn.* We said, we were of God, and the whole world did lye in wickedness, and we denied the honor of the World, and the glory too. They said, *We should be honoured of God too, but now we were hated of all.* We said, it is an evident token whose Servants we are; *the servant is not greater than the Lord;* and that Scripture was fulfilled which saith, *All this will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me.*

Upon a First day of the week, we were fasting and waiting upon the Lord till the second hour (after mid-day) and the Fryars came and commanded us, *In the Name of the Lord to kneel down with them to prayer.* We said, we could not pray but as we were moved of the Lord. They commanded

us the second time. Then they kneeled down by our bed side, and prayed; and when they had done, they said, *They had tryed our Spirits, now they knew what Spirit we were of.* We told them, they could not know our Spirits, unless their minds were turned to the Light of the Lord Jesus in their Consciences. The English Fryar, was wroth, and shewed us his *Crucifix*, and bid us *look there.* We said, the Lord saith, *Thou shalt not make to thy self the Likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or in the earth beneath, nor in the water under the earth; thou shalt not bow to them, nor worship them, but I the Lord thy God only.* He was so mad, he called for the Irons to chain Sarah, because she spake so boldly to him: She bowed her head, and said to him, *Not only my feet, but my hands and my neck also for the Testimony of Jesus.* His wrath was soon appeased, and he said, *He would do us any good he could; he did see what we did was not in malice: the power had broken him down for that present.* They came to us often, saying, *If you would do but a little, you should be set at liberty; but you will do nothing at all, but are against every thing.* We said, we are against nothing that is of God, but would do any thing that might make for God's glory.

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Many did think we should not have been heard nor seen after we were in the *Inquisition*; but the Lord did work wonderfully for us, and his Truth. For they new built the *Inquisition*, and there were many *Labourers* for a year and a half; and the great Men came to see the building; and we were carried forth with great *Power* to declare in the Name of the Lord Jesus, not fearing the face of man; the Lord was our strength: But behold they threatened us with *Irons* and *Halters*, for preaching the Light so boldly; and they said, *None ought to preach but Prelates to a Bishop* (as they use to say in *England*.) Now their *Lord Inquisitor* (so called) and the *Magistrates* were kept moderate towards us, and gave order, *we should have Ink and Paper to write to England*. But we were hindered still; and we do believe they would have set us at liberty, had it not been for the *Friars*; it was they that wrote against us still to the *Pope*, and to the *Inquisitor*; and we told them so. They sought three quarters of a year to part us, before they could bring it to pass; and when they did part us, they prepared a Bed for *Sarah*, and their own *Catholicks* lay upon the Boards, that had not beds of their own. When we were parted,

parted, the Lord would not suffer me to  
 keep any money; I knew not the mind of  
 God in it. Their Fryars came and said,  
*We should never see one anothers faces again,*  
*but the Inquisitor should send me my food.*  
 But the Lord would not suffer him to send  
 it. Sarah did send me such as she could  
 get, near three weeks time. Then the Fry-  
 ar came and askt me, *what I did want?* I  
 said, one to wash my Linnen, and some-  
 thing hot to eat; I was weak. He sent to  
 Sarah to know if she would do it for me. She  
 said she would. And by that means we did  
 hear of each other every day. The Fryar  
 said, *You may free your self of misery when*  
*you will; you may make your self a Catholick,*  
*and have your freedom to go where you will.*  
 I told him, I might make my self a Catho-  
 lick, and have a name that I did live, when  
 I was dead; and said, he had Catholicks  
 enough already; he should bring some of  
 them to the Light in their Consciences,  
 that they might stand in awe, and sin not. He  
 said, *He would lose one of his fingers if we*  
*would be Catholicks.* I said, it was Babylon  
 that was built with Blood; Zion was re-  
 deemed through Judgment. They would  
 have had me to set a Picture at my beds  
 head, for a representation. I askt them if  
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they did think I did lack a Calf to worship? And whether they did not walk by the Rule of Scripture? The Fryar said, *They did, but they had Traditions too.* I said, if their traditions did derogate or dissent from the fundamentals of Christ's Doctrine, the Prophets and Apostles, I denied them in the Name of the Lord. He said, *They did not.* I askt him where they had their Rule to burn them that could not joyn with them for Conscience? He said, *St. Paul did worse, he gave them to the Devil, and that they did judge all damned that were not of their Faith.* And he askt whether we did judge them so? I said, No, we had otherwise learned Christ. I askt him, why they did bind that which the Lord did not bind? and set tyes, chains and limits, where the Lord did not? as in *meats and drinks*, or in respect of *dayes or times*, which the Apostle called *beggarly Elements*, and *Rudiments of the world*, and *forbidding to marry* (a Doctrine of Devils said I.) He could no tell what to say, but told me, *That St. Peter was the Pope of Rome, and did build an Altar there, and the Pope was his Successor, and he could do what he would.* I denied that, and said, We never read any such thing in Scripture; for *Peter*, Christ's  
Apostle

Apostle, had no money to build Altars; he himself did offer Sacrifice upon the Altars made without hands. And he said, *We were but a few, and risen up but late, and they were many, and had stood Fourteen hundred years; and God was a lyar if they had not the true Faith; for he had confirmed it to them by a thousand miracles.* I said, the few number, and the little Flock is Christ's Flock. He askt if we were? *then all the World,* said he. I said, Our Faith was from the beginning. *Abel* was of our Church; and *the World by Wisdom did not know God.* He went to *Sarah* with the same Temptation, and she told him also, that *Abel* was of our Church. He said, *Abel was a Catholick, and Cain and Judas were so.* She said, Then the Devil was a *Catholick*, and she would not be one. He threatned her, and told her, *how many they were.*

She said, *Daniel* was but *one*; and if there were *no more* but *she* her self, she would not turn; but took her fingers and shewed them, if they would tear her joint-meal, she did believe the Lord would enable her to endure it for the Truth.

So they went from one to another, thinking to entangle us in our talk; but we were guided by one Spirit, and spake one and

the same thing in effect, so that they had not a jot nor tittle against us, but for righteousness sake : Our God did keep us by his own Power & Holiness out of their hands ; honor and praises be given to his powerful Name for ever.

He (the said Fryar) came to me another time like a Bear robbed of her Whelps, and told me, *If I would be a Catholick, I should say so ; otherwise they would use me badly, and I should never see the face of Sarah again, but should dye by my self, and a thousand Devils should carry my Soul to Hell.* I asked him if he were the Messenger of God to me. He said he was. I said, What is my sin, or wherein have I provoked the Lord, that he doth send me such a strait Message ? He said, *Because I would not be a Catholick.* I said, I deny thee and thy Message too, and the Spirit which spake in thee ; the Lord never spake it. He said, that he would lay me in a whole pile of Chains, where I should see neither Sun nor Moon. I said, He could not separate me from the Love of God in Christ Jesus, lay me where he would. He said, *He would give me to the Devil.* I said, I did not fear all the Devils in Hell, the Lord was my Keeper ; though he had the *Inquisition*, with all the Countries

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tries round about, on his side, and was alone by my self, I did not fear them; if there were thousands more, the Lord was on my right hand, and the worst they could do, was but to kill the body; they could not touch my life no more than the Devil could Job's. He said, That *I should never go out of that Room alive.* I said, the Lord was sufficient to deliver me: But whether he would or would not, I would not forsake a living Fountain to drink at a broken Cistern: And they had no Law to keep us there, but such a Law as *Ahab* had for *Naboth's* Vineyard. He curst himself, and called upon his gods, and went forth; and as he was making fast the door, he put in his hand at the hole of the door, and said, *Abide there Member of the Devil.* I said, The Devil's Members did the Devil's Works; the Woes and Plagues of the Lord would be upon them for it. He went and told the *Inquisitor* of it, and he laught at him; I saw it, and felt it in that which is Eternal. I was moved out of that Room before he came again; and when he came, he brought one of the *Inquisitors* men with him, and two very good Hens, and said, *The Lord Inquisitor had sent them in love to me.* I said, his love I did receive, but I

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could not take his Hens, for it was not the practice of the Servants of the Lord to be chargeable to any while they have of their own. He said, *We must not count any thing our own; for in the Primitive times they did sell their Possessions, and laid them down at the Apostles feet.* He said, *We should not want any thing if they did spend a thousand Crowns.* I believe he would have had us laid down our money at his feet. He said, *I was proud, because I would not take the Inquisitors Hens when he sent them me in charity.* I asked whether he kept me in Prison, and sent me his Charity. He said, *It was for the good of our Souls he kept us in prison.* I told him, our Souls were out of the Inquisitors reach, or his either: He told me before, *If we had not been going to preach, we might have gone where we would.* I askt him, What should our souls have done then? and why their love should extend more to us, than to their own Family? They could not charge us with Sin, and they did commit all manner of Sin; they might put them into the Inquisition, and bid turn.

He said again, *We had not the true Faith,* and shewed me his Crucifix, and askt me, *If I thought he did worship that?* I askt him what he did do with it? He said, *It was a*  
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*Representation.* I said, it did not represent Christ, for he was the express Image of his Father's Glory, which is Light and Life. I said, if he could put any life in any of his images, he might bring them to me. And I askt him what *Representation* Daniel had in the *Lyons Den*; or *Jonas* in the *Whales belly*; they cryed unto the Lord, and he delivered them. He said, *I talkt like a mad woman, I talkt so much against their Idols.* He was in a rage, and said, *He would give me to the Devil.* I bid him give his own, *I am the Lord's.* He stood up, and said, *He would do by me as the Apostles did by Ananias and Saphira.* He stood up, and opened his mouth; and I stood up to him, and denied him in the Name of the Lord, the living God, and said, he had no power over me. And away he went to *Sarah* with the Hens, and told her, *that I was sick, and the Lord Inquisitor had sent two Hens, and I would be glad to eat a piece of one if she would dress one of them presently, and the other to morrow.* [ Mark this Deceiver, this Lyar! ] But she standing in the Counsel of the Lord, answered him accordingly as I did; and he carried them away again. We did not dare to take them, the Lord did forbid us. He said, *You would faine be*

burned; because you would make the World believe you did love God so well as to suffer in that kind. I said, I did not desire to be burnt; but if the Lord did call me to it, I did believe he would give me power to undergo it for his Truth; and if every hair of my head was a body, I could offer them up all for the Testimony of Jesus. He came twice to know whether I had not been inspired of the Holy Ghost to be a Catholick, since I came into the Inquisition. I said, No; he said, *We were*; he said, *We called the Spirit of the Holy Ghost, the Spirit of the Devil*. We said, the Spirit of the Holy Ghost in us will resist the Devil. We told him, the Inspiration of the Holy Ghost was never wrought in the Will of man, nor in man's time, but in the Will of God, and in God's time. He asked, *How we did know a clean from an unclean Spirit?* We said, An unclean spirit did burden the Seed of God, and dam up the Springs of Life; and a clean Spirit would open the Spring of Life, and refresh the Seed; it was a Riddle to him, but he said it was true: he would assent to pure Truth sometimes.

We asked him, Whether every man and woman did not stand guilty before God of  
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all the Sins they ever committed before Regeneration? He said, *Yea*. And he did confess all their Learning and Languages (in their places) was but to serve the Lord. We told him, all their Praying, Preaching and Crouding, was no more accepted than *Cain's Sacrifice*, unless they were moved of the eternal Spirit of the Lord. We askt him, If he that was in them, was greater than he that was in us; and why they had not overcome us all that time? We were very sensible of their workings day and night: He said, *Because we resisted still*. We askt him for our Bibles. He said, *We should never see them again, they were false*. We said, if they were conjuring Books, they had no warrant from the Lord to take them from us.

They alwayes came two Fryars at a time, and they would fall down and howl, and wish bitter wishes upon themselves if they were not in the Truth. We would deny them, and preach Truth to them, the Light of the Lord Jesus in the Consciences of every one, to lead them to a pure life; and did ask them where the pure and holy Life was, and what all of them did do, that the People did live in sin and all manner of wickedness? and whether Words and

Forms would serve without Life and Power? He was as bloody a fiery Serpent, as ever was born of a woman, and did strike as hard at our Lives, and would hold up his hand often to strike us; but had never the power, he would quickly be cut down, that he would say, *we were good women, and he would do us any good.* He was compelled to work for us sometimes, and would say it was for God's sake, and would have us thank him for it. We would tell him, those that did any thing for God, did not look for a reward from man. He said, *We were the worst of all creatures, and we should be used worse than any; the Turks, Arminians, Protestants and Lutherans should be used better than we.* We said, the pure Life was ever counted the worst, and we must suffer; we were the Lord's, and could trust him; let him do what he would with us, we did not fear any evil tidings; we were settled and grounded in the Truth; and the more they did persecute us, the more stronger we did grow; We were bold and valiant for God's Truth, that whatsoever we did suffer, we could not fear: We were separated One year; I had neither Fire nor Candle in that time above two hours, none did bring me any, nor I had not freedom to call for any. The

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The Fryars went to *Sarah*, and told her, if she would, she should go forth of the Prison, and say nothing, nor do nothing. She said, she would upon that account. He said, they would come in the morning, and so they did; but the Lord saw their deceit, and fore-warned *Sarah*, and bid her mind *Esaú*, who sold his Birth-right for a morsel of meat; and *Judas*, that betrayed his Master for thirtie pieces of Silver: That when they came, she (was strengthened against them, and) said, she stood in the Counsel of God, and could take up nothing in her own will; they had not power to have her forth. They said the Inquisitor said, *If we did want Linnen, Woollen, Stockens, Shooes or Money, we should have it.*

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But there was a poor English Man, heard that *Sarah* was in a Room with a window next the Street, it was high; he got up, and spake a few words to her, and they came violently and hall'd him down, and cast him into Prison upon Life and Death: And the Friars came to know of us whether he had brought any Letters. We said, No; I did not see him. They said, they did think he would be hang'd for it. He was one that they had taken from the *Turks*, and made a Catholick of him. *Sarah*

rah. wrote a few lines to me of it, and said, She did think the *English* Friars were the chief actors of it (we had a private way to send to each other.) I wrote to her again, and after my Salutation, I said, Whereas she said the Friars were the chief actors, she might be sure of that, for they did hasten to fill up their measures; but I believe the Lord will preserve the poor man for his love; I am made to seek the Lord for him with tears: and I desired she would send him something once a day, if the Keeper would carry it; and I told her of the glorious Manifestations of God to my Soul, for her comfort, so that I was ravished with Love, and my Beloved was the chiefest of ten thousands; and how I did not fear the face of any man, though I did feel their arrows, for my Physician is nigh me; and how I was waiting upon the Lord; and saw our safe return into *England*, and I was talking with *G. F.* to my great refreshment: The Name of *G. F.* did prick them to the heart. I said, it was much they did not tempt us with Money. I bid her take heed, the Light would discover it; and many more things, let it come under what cover it would.

And this Paper came to the Friars hands,  
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by what means we could never tell, but as the Light did shew us, the Lord would have it so ; it smote the *Friar*, that he was tormented many dayes ; and he translated it into *Italian*, and laid it before their Lord *Inquisitor*, and got the *Inquisitor's* Lieutenant, and came to me with both the Papers in his hand, and askt me, *If I could read it ?* I said, yea, I writ it. *O ! did you indeed* (said he.) And *what is it you say of me here ?* That which is truth, said I. Then he said, *Where is the Paper Sarah sent ? bring it, or else I will search the Trunk, and every where else.* I bid him search where he would. He said, *I must tell what man it was that brought me the Ink, or else I should be tyed with Chains presently.* I told him I had done nothing but what was just and right in the sight of God, and what I did suffer would be for Truth's sake ; and I did not care, I would not meddle nor make with the poor Workmen. He said, *For God's sake tell me what Sarah did write ?* I told him, a few words, and said it was truth. Said he, *You say it is much we do not tempt you with Money.* And in a few hours they came and tempted us with Money often. So the Lieutenant took my Ink and threw it away ; and they were smitten as if they would

would have fallen to the ground, and went their way : I saw them no more in three Weeks ; but the poor man was set free the next morning.

They went to *Sarah*, and told her, *that I had honestly confest all, and that she was best to confess too ; and threatened her with a Halter, and to take away a Bed and Trunk, and her Money, to have half of it for me.* She answered, she might not send to me any more. She askt him, Whether he was a Minister of Christ, or a Magistrate ? if he were a Magistrate, he might take her money, but she would not give it him : And they that were with him, said, *No, he should not meddle with any thing.* He was a bitter wicked man. He told her, *She was possess'd.* She answered and said, *She was with the power of an endless Life.*

The Lord was not wanting to us at any time, for Power nor Words to stop the mouths of gain-sayers of his Truth, neither in Revelations nor Visions ; Praises be to his Name for ever : He kept us in our weakest condition, bold for his *Truth*, declaring against all sin and wickedness, so that many were convinced, but did not dare to own it, for fear of *Faggot* and *Fire.* There were none that had any thing to say  
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against what we spake, but the Friars, but would have us to joyn with them. There were none did come into the Inquisition, but the Judgments of the Lord would be upon them, so that they would cry and foam, and send for a Physitian many of them. The unclean spirits would cry out as much as ever they did against Jesus, and would gnash vvith their teeth vvhen we vvere at prayer : there vvvas a Friar, and other great Men, the Friar vvould run as if he had been at his wits end, and call to the Keeper, and he vvould run for the English Frier, and he vvould go to the Inquisitor for counsel, and sometimes they vvould send him word they should have a remedy, I should be sent to *Rome*; and sometimes the Friars would come, but had not power to say any thing to me of it. The Lord did say unto us, **Lift up your Voice like the noise of a Trumpet, and sound forth my Truth like the shout of a King.** There vvvas one that Life was risen in him, but they vvere upon him as Eagles, till they had destroyed him; he did undergo terrible Judgments all the time he vvvas in the Inquisition.

Our Money served us a year and seven weeks; and vvhen it vvvas almost gone,  
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the Friars brought the *Inquisitors Chamberlain* to buy our Hats. We said, vve came not there to sel our clothes, nor any thing vve had. Then the Friar did commend us for that, and told us, *we might have kept our money to serve us otherwise.* We said, no, we could not keep any money, and be chargeable to any ; vve could trust God. He said, *He did see we could ;* but *they* should have maintained us vvhile they kept us Prisoners.

And then the Lord did take away our Stomacks ; vve did eat but little for three or four Weeks ; and then the Lord called us to fasting for eleven dayes together, but it vvas so little, that the Friars came and said, *That it was impossible, that Creatures could live with so little meat,* as they did see vve did for so long time together ; and asked, *what we would do ?* And said, their Lord Inquisitor said, *We might have any thing we would.* We said, we must vwait to know the mind of God, vvhath he vwould have us to do. We did not fast in our own wills, but in obedience to the Lord. They were much troubled, and sent us meat, and said *The English Connsul sent it.* We could not take any thing till the Lord's time was come : We vvere vweak, so that Sarah did dress

dress her head as she would lye in her Grave (poor Lamb) I lay looking for the Lord to put an end to the sad Tryal, which way it seemed good in his sight : Then I heard a voice, saying, *We shall not dye.* I believed the Lord, and his glory did appear much in our fast ; he was very gracious to us, and did refresh us with his living Presence continually, and we did behold his beauty to our great joy and comfort ; and he was large to us in his Promises, so that we were kept quiet and still (the sting of Death being taken away) our souls, hearts, and minds were at peace with the Lord, so that they could not tell whether we were dead or alive, but as they did call to us once a day, till the time the Lord had appointed we should eat ; and they were made to bring *many good things*, and laid them down by us ; so that Scripture we witnessed fulfilled, *Our Enemies treated us kindly in a strange Land*, said I. But we were afraid to eat, and cryed to the Lord, and said, We had rather dye, than eat any thing that is polluted and unclean. The Lord said unto me, *Thou mayest as freely eat, as if thou hadst wrought for it with thy hands ; I will sanctifie it to thee through the Cross.* And he said to Sarah, *Thou shalt eat the*  
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*Fruit of thy hands, and be blessed.* We did eat, and were refreshed, to the praise and glory of our God for ever. We did eat but little in two Months; and they did bring us what ever we did speak for, for eight or ten dayes; and afterward we were so straitned for want of Food, it did us more hurt than our Fast: Yet the Lord did work as great a Miracle by our preservation, as he did by raising *Lazarus* out of the Grave. The Friars did say, *The Lord did keep us alive by his mighty Power, because we should be Catholicks.* We said, the Lord would make it manifest to us then; they should know the Lord had another end in it, one day.

But still they said, *There was no Redemption for us.* We said, with the Lord there was Mercy and plenteous Redemption. We bid them, *Take heed ye be not found fighters against God.* They said, *We were foolish Women.* We said, we were the Lords Fools, and the Lord's Fool were right dear, and precious in his sight, and wo to them that do offend them. He said, *They were the Lord's Fools,* and shewed us their deceitful Gowns, and their shaven Crowns, and said, *They did wear it for God's sake, to be laught at by the World.* We said, they did not

not wear it for God's sake, unless they were moved of the holy Spirit of God to wear it. *He said, It was no matter; they did wear it because of their Superiours.* [Mark, and before it was for God's sake; as he said.] He thought to bring us under him for our food, and did make us suffer a while though the Inquisitor and the Magistrates had taken a course we should want for nothing. But the Lord did torment him and all the rest, till they did bring us such things as were fitting. Then he did work all that he could to send me to *Rome*, and was coming two or three times (for what I know) to fetch me forth, but the Lord would not suffer them; and when they saw they could not prevail that way, they said we should go both; but the Friar should go first, because he was not well; he got leave to go, he was so weary of coming to us, that he did beseech the Lord Inquisitor he might come no more to us. *He told Sarah, I was a Witch, and that I knew what was done at London, and he would come to me no more, he said, because when he did tell me a company of lyes, I said, I had a Witness for God in me, which was faithful and true, and I did believe God's Witness.*

The Diviners did wax mad, and did run  
 as at their wits end, from Mountain to  
 Hill, and from Hill to Mountain, to cover  
 them: They ran to the Inquisitor, & writ  
 to the Pope, and went to him; their King  
 did not hide them at all; some of them  
 did gnash with their teeth, and even gnaw  
 their tongues for pain: Yet the rest would  
 not repent of their blasphemy, sorcery nor  
 enchantments, but did post on to fill up  
 their measures. Oh! the Lord reward  
 them according to their works.

A little before the Fryar went to *Rome*,  
 he came to the Inquisition Chamber with  
 a Scribe, to write concerning us, to carry  
 it with him; I saw him, as God would  
 have it; the Lord said, *There is thy deadly*  
*foe*. They were writing part of three days;  
 and when they had ended it, the Lord  
 would not let me eat till the Scribe did  
 come where I was, that I might pronounce  
 wo against it, and defie it, which I did do  
 in the Name of the Lord, and it did wi-  
 ther with all the rest. After it was gone,  
 the *English* Consul came to us with a  
 Scribe, and he brought us a Doller from a  
 Master of a ship, that came from *Plymouth*;  
 I told him I did receive my Country-mans  
 Love, but could not receive his Money.

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He askt me, *What I would do if I would take no money?* I said, the Lord was my portion, and I could not lack any good thing. I said to him, We were in thy house near 15. Weeks, didst thou see any cause of Death or Bonds in us? He said, *No.* I askt him, how he would dispencc with his Conscience for telling us, *He would have us before the Inquisitor*, when he knew that Room was provided for us; and had not we been kept alive by the mighty Power of God, we might have been dead long since. He said, *How could I help it?* I said, we are the Servants of the living God, and were brought here by permission, and in the spirit of Meekness gave in our Testimony for the Lord in faithfulness, and told you the Truth as it is in Jesus, and called you all to Repentance, and forewarned you in love to your souls, of the evil the Lord is bringing upon you, if you do not repent. He said, *How ever it be, it will go well with you.* [Mark that] I told *who* he said, he required a sign of me when we *quies a* were at his house, if we were the Servants of the Lord God; I gave him a sign from the living God; and my Friend gave him another from the Lord, to his shame and destruction for ever. I askt him, whe-

ther that was not true we spake to him? he said it was, *but how should he help it?* I said, Thou art a condemned person, and standest guilty before God; yet nevertheless repent, if thou canst find a place. He smiled upon the Scribe in deceit, but his lips did quiver, and his belly trembled, and he could scarce stand upon his legs. He was as proper a man as most was in the City, and full, and in his prime age. Oh! he was consumed as a snail in a shell, which was a sufficient sign for the whole City, if their hearts were not harder than Adamants. He said, *How should he help it?* he might have helpt it, but he was as willing to prove us, as any of them all. He was sworn upon his Oath to protect the *English*; and their Ruler bid him let us go about our business, and said, *we were honest Women*; and then he might have let us go before we were under the black Rod.

Then he went to *Sarah* with the Dollar; she told him she could not take the Money, but if he had a Letter for us, she should be free to receive that. He said, *he had not any*. He askt her, *what she did want?* She said, the Lord was her Shepherd, she could not want any good thing; but she did long for her freedom. He said, *That,*  
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*you may have in time.* He told us, *We should have Ink and Paper to write,* but when he was gone, they would not let us. The next time we heard of him, he was dead. We could have rejoyced if he had died for Righteousness sake ; for the Lord delighteth not in the death of a sinner.

The Friar was gone to *Rome*, and they said, *he must stay there till we came.* There was great working to send us thither, but the Lord did prevent them, that they could not send us thither. Then the Lord did work to bring us together again after so long time we had been parted. There were five doors between us with Locks and Bolts, but the Keeper had not power to make them fast, but as *Sarah* could undo them to come where I could see her, but could not speak to her, for there were them that did watch us night and day ; yet she being moved of the Lord, did come to my door by night ; she must come by the Friars door, he and the Doctor of Law were together, and they did set a trap to take her in ; many did watch about the Prison, and would complain. Then she was lockt up again ; but they had no peace in that, till the doors were open again ; then we did sit in the sight of each other, to wait upon

the Lord, so that our voices were heard far; the Magistrates would hear and bow to it sometime; then the complainers were weary, and did work to have us brought together, and we did wait and pray, and the Magistrates would come in and look upon us many times, but would say nothing to us.

There were of divers Nations brought into the Inquisition, Prisoners; and the Friars, and the rest that were great, would go in their way to make Christians of them, and we were made to stand up against them and their ways, and deny them in the Name of the Lord, and to declare the Truth to the simple-hearted continually, if we did suffer death for it. We could not endure to hear the Name of the Lord blasphemed, nor his pure way of Truth perverted, nor the ignorant deceived. They did write all they understood of what we spake, and sent it to the Court-Chamber before the Inquisitor and Magistrates, but the Lord did blast it with the mildews of his wrathful indignation, and burnt it up with the brightness of his Son, and we rejoiced in our God; but still our burdens continued very heavy, and our righteous souls were vexed with the filthy conversation of the wicked, and the pure Seed of  
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God was prest from day to day, that our spirits did mourn, and our hearts were grieved because of the hardness of their hearts, and their rebellion against their Maker, who was so gracious to them, to suffer them so long in all their abominations, and waited to be gracious to them, and knockt at the door of their hearts, calling for *Justice, Mercy and Humility*; but behold *Oppression, Cruelty, and Self-exaltation*, notwithstanding the Lord did strive so much with them, and sent so many undeniable Truths, and infallible Testimonies of the coming of his Son to Judgement, and so clear a manifestation of the way to eternal Salvation, given forth of his own mouth, by his eternal Spirit, and having us for an example, who were kept by his Power and Holiness; they had not a jot nor tittle against us, but for righteousness sake, though they had winnowed and fanned us so long: glory, honour and praises be given to our God for ever.

O they would not let us know of any *English* Ship that came into the Harbour, as near as they could, but the Lord would make it manifest to us; we had a great working and striving in our Bodies, but we knew not what it meant; the arrows of

the Wicked did fly, so that my soul was plunged and overwhelmed from head to feet, and the terrors of the unrighteous had taken hold of us, and the flames of Hell compassed us about; then the Lord appeared unto me in a dream, and said, *There were two English Friends in the City, which did plead for our Liberty in our behalf, and he had taken all fear away from them, and made them bold.*

And in a little while after the Magistrates sent for us forth, and askt us, *whether we were sick?* or, *whether we did want any thing?* and were very tender to us, and said, *we should write to England,* and bid the Scribe give us *Ink and Paper*; he said he would, but he was so wicked he did not. They did not tell us of any *English* that were there; but there was one *Francis Steward* of London, a Captain of a Ship, and a *Friar* of Ireland, which came to the City together, (for what we know) and they did take great paines for us, and went to their Ruler, and the Inquisitor, and to several Magistrates and Friars, and the new *English* Consul with them, and wrought much amongst them, that all were willing to let us go, save the Inquisitor, they said; and he said, *He could not free us without an Order*

*Order from the Pope.* But we had many heavy enemies besides, which would not be seen ; but they obtained the favour to come and speak with us, which was a great thing in such a place.

They sent for us to the Court-Chamber, and the *English* Consul askt us, *If we were willing to go back to England?* We said, if it were the will of God we might. The Captain spake to us with tears in his eyes, and told us what they had done for us, but could not prevail ; It is this Inquisitor (said he) the rest were made free ; you have preached among these people he said. We told him, we were called upon the Testimony of our Conscience, and the Truth that we have witnessed forth among them, we should stand to maintain with our blood. He said, *If they could get us off, he would freely give us our passage, and provide for us, and the Vessel was his own.* We told him, his love was as well accepted of the Lord, as if he did carry us. He offered us money ; he saw the Lord would not suffer us to take any. He took our Names. We told them they took us out of our way, and put us into the Inquisition, and bid us change our minds ; and we could not, the Lord had changed us into that

that which changed not, if they would burn us to ashes, or chop us as Herbs to the Pot. The Friar said, *We did not work*; which was false, we had Work of our own, and did work as we were able. We told him, our Work and Maintenance was in *England*. And they said, *It was true*. He said, *We would not accept of the Inquisitors Diet*. We did not know who did prepare for us; we did receive our meat as we had freedom in the Lord. Then he said, *We had suffered long enough, and too long, but we should have our freedom in few days, and that they would send to the Pope for an Order*. And there were many English Ships that way; but the Captain saw it was a very hard thing, so that it grieved him to the heart: He prayed God to comfort us, and he went away, and we do beseech God to bless and preserve him, unto everlasting Life, and never to let him nor his, go without a blessing from him, for his love: he did venture himself exceedingly in that place. But after he was gone, they arose up against us with one accord: The Inquisitor came up into a Tower, and lookt down upon us as if he would have eaten us, and they did try us for our lives again, and did shut up our doors many Weeks, we could not tell

tell for what; at length the Inquisitor came into the Tower again, and *Sarah* was moved to call to him, to have the door opened for us to go down into the Court to wash our clothes. Then he gave command for the door to be opened once a week; and in a little while 'twas open ever day. But great was our affliction indeed; and she told him if we were the Popes Prisoners, we would appeal to the Pope, and he should send us to him. But them in the Prison with us, especially the Friar, were mortal Enemies to us, but yet they would have fed us with the choicest of their meat, and would gladly give us whole Bottels of wine, if we would receive it, and were greatly troubled because we did refuse to eat and drink with them, and did persecute us exceedingly; but, the Lord did visit them with his dreadful Judgements, the Friar was tormented night and day, his body did perish, the Doctors and Chyrurgeons did follow him a long time.

And there were two or three *English* Ships there, came into harbour, and *Sarah* saw the coming of them in a Vision of the night, and there was great pleading for us, that we saw; but she heard a Voice, saying, **We could not go now.** So we were made willing

willing to wait the Lords time.

Then they sent for us forth when the Ships were gone, and askt us, *If we would be Catholicks?* And we said, we were true Christians, and had received the Spirit of Christ, and he that had not the Spirit of Christ was none of his. The *English* Consul told us of the Ships, and said, *They would not let us go unless we would be Catholicks; and that we must suffer more imprisonment yet,* and said, *he did what he could for us.* One of the Magistrates shewed us

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the Cross; We told them, and said, We did take up the Cross of Christ daily, which is the great Power of God to crucifie sin and iniquity: so we told them that one of their *Fathers* did promise us our liberty. We did think that Friar was too tender-hearted to stay among them; he did take a great deal of pains for us (the Captain said) We told him, he would never have cause to repent it; the blessing of God would be upon him for any thing he should do for us; for we were the Servants of the living God; and he promised us our freedoms in a little time.

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This following, I D. B. received  
from them in other Papers to  
Friends.

**O** Dearly beloved Friends, Fathers, and  
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all House, and Brethren and Sisters in the  
Lord Jesus Christ, in the measure of Love  
and Life of our God, do we salute you all, and  
do embrace you in that which is Eternal, and  
we do greatly rejoyce, and glorify the Name of  
our Heavenly Father; that he hath counted us  
worthy to be partakers of the death and suffer-  
ings of his blessed Son, with you; though we  
be the least of God's Flock, yet we are of the  
true Fold, whereof Christ Jesus is shepherd;  
and he hath had as tender a care over us, as  
he hath had of any of his Lambs which  
he hath called forth in this the day of his  
Power; and hath carried us through,  
and over as great afflictions as most of our Bre-  
thren and sufferers for his Name, both in  
mockings, scoffings, scornings, reproaches,  
stripes, contradictions, perils at Land, and pe-  
rils at Sea, fiery tryals, cruel threatnings,  
grief

grief of heart; sorrow of soul, heats and colds, fastings and watchings, fears within, and frightings without, terrible temptations and persecutions, and dreadful imprisonments and buffetings of Satan; yet in all these our tryals the Lord was very gracious unto us, and not absent himself from us; neither suffered his faithfulness to fail us, but did bear us up, and keep us from fainting in the midst of our extremity; we had not another to make our moan to, but the Lord alone, neither could we expect a drop of mercy, favour or refreshment, but what he did distil from his living Presence, and work by his own strength; for we sat one in one room, and the other in the another, near a year; as Owls in deserts, and as People forsaken in solitary places; then did we enjoy the presence of the Lord, and did behold the brightness of his glory, and we did see you our dear Friends, in the Light of Jesus, and did behold your order, and steadfastness of your Faith and Love to all Saints, and were refreshed in all the faithful hearted, and felt the issues of Love and Life which did stream from the hearts of those that were wholly joynd to the Fountain; and were made sensible of the benefit of your Prayers.

O the sorrows, the mournings, the tears! but those that sow in tears, shall reap in joy.

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A true sorrow begets a true joy, and a true Cross, a true Crown: For when our sorrows did abound, the Love of God did abound much more; the deeper the sorrows, the greater the joyes; the greater the Cross, the weightier the Crown.

Dear Friends and Brethren, marvel not that Israel is not gathered, our Judgement remains with the Lord, and so do our Labours; for it was not for want of travel, nor pain, nor love to their souls; for we could have been contented to have fed upon the Grass on the ground, so we might have had our freedom amongst them: For, had it not been for the great opposition, they would have followed after us as Chickens after a Hen, both great and small. But oh the swelling Seas, the raging and foaming Waves, stormy Winds and Floods, and deep Waters, and high Mountains and Hills, hard Rocks, rough Ways, and crooked Paths, tall Cedars, strong Oaks, fruitless Trees, and corrupted ones, that cumber the ground, and binder the righteous Seed to be sown, and the noble Plants from being planted! Oh! they shut up the Kingdom against the simple hearted, and hide the key of Knowledge from the innocent Ones, and will not enter into the Kingdom themselves, nor suffer them that would enter, but stir up the Magistrates to  
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form carnal Weapons, thinking to prevent the Lord of taking to him his Inheritance, and to dispossess his Son, who is Heir of all, that he might not have a dwelling-place among them, nor a habitation nigh them; because that his Light will discover their darkness, and his brightness will burn up all their abominations, and mar their beauty, and stain their glory, their pomp and their pride, that it may perish as the untimely Figs, and fall as the Flower of the Field, and wither as the Grass upon the house-top. Oh! the Belly of Hell, the Jaws of Satan, the whole Mystery of Iniquity is at the height, and all manner of Abominations that make desolate, stands where it ought not, and is upholden by a Law; That upon pain of death none must speak against it, nor walk contrary to it. But praises to our God, he carried us forth to declare against it daily. Oh! the blind guides, the seducing spirits, that do cause the people to erre, and compel them to worship the Beast and his Image, and have his mark in their fore-heads, and in their hands, and to bow to Pictures and painted Walls, and to worship the things of their own hands, and to fall down to that which their own fingers have fashioned, and will not suffer them to look towards Sion upon pain of death, nor to walk towards Jerusalem upon pain of Faggot and Fire,

Fire, but must abide in Babel, and believe whatsoever they speak or do, to be truth. But oh the wayes, the worships, the fashions, forms, customs, traditions, observations and imaginations which they have drawn in by their dark Divinations, to keep the poor people in blindness and ignorance, so that they perish for want of knowledge, and are corrupted, because the way of Truth is not made known among them; they are all in the many wayes, out of the one true and living way, and their wayes be so many and so monstrous, that they are unrehearsible; but the Lord our God hath kindled a fire in the midst of them, that will consume all forms, fashions, customs and traditions of men; and will burn up the briars, thorns and tares, stubble and fruitless Trees, and corrupted ones, and will blast all the fruits, works and labours of wicked and ungodly men, with the mildews of his wrathfull indignation, and will scatter all his enemies with the whirlwinds of his displeasure. They do not know the Scriptures. Their Bibles would grieve any honest heart to behold them, because of the corruptions. They said, our Bibles were false. I asked wherein? The Friar said, Maccabees was not in them. I said, if any were taken from them, yet the rest might be pure; but if any were added to them,

then they were corrupted. He askt me, Whether I did not think it meet for every one to bow at the Name of Jesus. I said, Yea. He said, Jesus, and bid me fall down, or bow my body. I told him, My heart and whole body was bowed under the Name of Jesus; but I should not stoop to his will, nor any man's else: He that departeth from Iniquity, boweth to the Name of Jesus; but those that live in Sin and Wickedness, do not stoop to the Son of God. And he told me, they stood in the same Power the Apostles did, and were guided by the same Spirit as they were. I asked why they did abuse their Power then, and make use of Carnal Weapons? He said they did not, they were all spiritual, their Inquisition, & their Chains and Irons, and all is spiritual [the Wise may judge.] And he asked, Whether we judged them all damn'd that were not of our Judgement. I said, Nay, we had otherwise learned (Christ); those that were in a reprobate Condition to day, the Lord may call them out of it to morrow, for what I know. He said, They did judge us damn'd, and all that were not of their Faith. I told him, Man's Judgement we did not matter.

*A Vision.*

**I**N a Vision of the night, I saw in the Firmament six Suns; one at a distance from the rest, that did appear to be but half an hour high; the other five stood four-square, one in the middle; and they did cross over each other; the highest did not seem to be above an hour high. And when I did awake, I was troubled in my spirit to know the Vision; and I waited upon the Lord, and he signified to me in the Light, The six Suns were six Nations, whose Lights were near out; and the five which crossed each other, signified to me some rising amongst them.

And the Friar came to me, and said, *It was God's will we should be kept there, or else they could not keep us.* I told him, the Lord did suffer wicked men to do wickedly, but did not will them to do it. He did suffer *Herod* to take off *John Baptist's* head, but he did not will him to do it: and did suffer *Stephen* to be stoned, and *Judas* to betray *Christ*, but he did not will them to

do it; for if he had, he would not have condemned them for it. He said, *Then we are wicked men.* I said, They are wicked men that work wickedness.

The Friar would say still, *We had not the true Faith.* We said, By Faith we stand; and by the Power of God we are upholden; dost thou think it is by our own power and holiness we are kept from a vain conversation, from sin and wickedness? He said, *That was our pride.* We said, No, We could glory in the Lord, we were children of wrath once as well as others; but the Lord hath quickned us that were dead, by the living Word of his Grace, and hath washed, cleansed and sanctified us through soul and spirit, in part, according to our measures, and we do press forward towards that which is perfect. He then said, *We were good Women, but yet there was no redemption for us, except we would be Cathlicks.*

Now the Lord said, *Fear not Daughters of Sion, I will carry you forth as Gold tried in the fire.* And many precious Promises did the Lord refresh us with in our greatest extremity, and would appear in his Glory, that our souls would be ravished in his presence. I had the Spirit of Prayer upon me, but was afraid to speak to the Lord;  
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for fear I should speak one word that would not please him. And the Lord said, Fear not Daughter of Sion, ask what thou wilt, and I will grant it thee, whatsoever thy heart can wish. I desired nothing of the Lord; but what would make for his Glory, whether it were my liberty or bondage, life or death; wherein I was highly accepted of the Lord. *min ni boshet* The Room wherein I was separated, was near the Chancery, where all the Bishops Courtiers did resort, and would come into the Inquisition Courts, and I had work amongst them daily; they would come on purpose, to their condemnation: Some would be smitten, and run as if they hunted; and some would be set on fire, and cry, *Caldere, caldere, and fuoco, fuoco*; and many would pity us, because we were not Catholicks: the Friars would say, *We might be Catholicks, and keep our own Religion; do: and we should not be known we were Catholicks; except we were brought before a Justice of Peace.* We askt if we should profess a Christ we should be ashamed of? *Peri. To. 110*

But as for the poor Workmen, they were willing to do any thing for us; and were diligent to hear us, the Witnesses of God in them did answer to the Truth: There were

many eyes over them; had it not been for the great opposition, there were hundreds would have flown to the Truth.

And because I said, I did talk with G. F. he (the Friar) asked, *Whether G. F. did bring me money to maintain me in prison?* I said, No; but though I was absent in body, yet I was present in spirit; and was refreshed in him, and in hundreds more besides. They said, *I had seen Revelations, and had talk'd with G. F. and he was God's Revelation.* Sarah said, *Christ was God's Revelation.* He said, *she came under the Hallow for saying Christ was God's Revelation.* She answered, *Paul said, As soon as it pleased God to reveal his Son in me, I did not consult with flesh and blood; but immediately I went and preached him; and is not Christ God's Revelation then?* He said, *Who denied that?*

What they would have done to Sarah if they had taken her forth, we know not; but the Lord did work so wonderfully that night for the preservation of her poor soul out of their net, that he is worthy to be glorified for ever.

The next time he came to me, he came in Sheeps clothing, but he had a Wolf under his Gown; he gave me words as soft

as Butter, and as smooth as Oyl; when he had a Sword in his heart, and a Spear in his hand; when they speak most fairest, then beware of them.

He desired us *we would not think so hardly of him, as if he were the Author of all our wrongs and troubles; he was not (he said) but would do any good he could for us, were it with his blood.* But we thought he had been the chiefest that cast the poor man in Prison, but he was the man that hope him out without any punishment at all, though the Inquisitor did say he should be severely punished. I told him he did well; he would have peace in it, and would never have cause to repent it. *He did entreat us, he might not bear all the burthen.* We told him of many wicked things he did act against us, and of his lying and cruel words. He bid us, *take no notice what he did speak.* But we did feel his spirit, that what he spake he would do, if he had not been chained. I did use to tell him, My conscience was not seared with a hot iron, I was not past feeling. At last he was so weary of coming to us, he did entreat the Inquisitor he might not come to us any more; the Judgment of the Lord did follow him so, it was like to kill him.

When we were parted, the Lord did work mightily for us, and we were kept by the Power of the Lord over our Enemies, and were bold for God's Truth, and did make war with them in Righteousness, so they could not gain-say us in the Truth: So that Scripture was fulfilled, *The wicked mouthes must be stopped*; and they were put to silence; praises be to our God, and were made to confess, or say, *Of a truth God was in us*: our God was a consuming fire to them; they were not able to stand in his presence, but they would howl and make a noise like dogs, and cry, *Jesu, Maria*, and flie as people driven by a mighty rushing wind; the Power of the Lord did pursue after them like a sword; that Scripture was fulfilled, which saith, *Christ came not to send peace on earth, but a sword*, to cut down his Enemies; the Lord was on our side, and did take our part, and did fight for us, and did tread down our Enemies under our feet, that they could not hurt us. Mighty was the Work of God daily, our tongues cannot express it; they did work day and night with their Inchantments and Divinations, Sorceries, unclean spirits crying and foaming, in so much that we could take little rest day or night sometimes; but the Lord

Lord was with us, and did work mightily by his Power, and kept us over them in the Life of the Son of God. My Prison was nigh to the Palace, and to their Worship; that I could be heard of both; and it was laid upon me of the Lord to call them to Repentance, and to turn to the Light; wherewith they were enlightned, vvhich vould lead them out of all their wicked Wayes, Works and Worships, to serue the true and living God in Spirit and in Truth; the Power did raise the Witnesses in many, and troubled them; they did sigh and groan, and some did stay to hear me so long as they durst; for there were many did watch; and it was upon pain of death, or at least to be imprisoned: As was the poor *English-man* that did come and speak to me, whom they hall'd down violently, and put him in prison; but the Lord delivered him for his Love.

And we were parted One Year, but great was the Work of the Lord, and great was the Power to carry it on. He was not wanting to us, glory be to his Name, but did give us Words & Wildom according to our Work: So that Scripture was fulfilled which saith on this vvise, *Ye need not premeditate afore-hand what to speak, or what*

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to say; for it shall be given you of my heavenly Father what ye ought to speak, that the Enemies shall not gain-say: they were so tormented, that they did run to the Hills and to the Mountains, to cover them from the Presence of the Lord, and from the Wrath of the Lamb, which sits upon the Throne, to judge them righteously, and to condemn them for all their wicked deeds, which they so ungodlily had committed against him.

Oh! the goodness of the Lord, and his long-suffering and forbearance, which would lead them to Repentance; but they would not hearken to his Counsel, but turned his Laws behind their backs, and hated to be instructed by them; therefore the Lord did laugh at their destruction, and did mock when their fear came: Their wickedness was so great, and my burthen so heavy to bear it, that I cryed to the Lord, and said, It is better for me to die, than to live; and would gladly have given up my life in testimony against them all; I was (as I were) compelled to declare against all their Wayes, Works and Worship, insomuch that they ran to the Inquisitor to have me chained, or punish'd some other way; but the Power of the Lord  
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chained them, that they could not diminish  
a hair of my head; the Lord was my safe-  
ty, praises be to his Name for ever.

Now some, as they passed to their Wor-  
ship-houses, would sigh, and some pray,  
and some did throw stones at my Window;  
they did work night and day about the Pri-  
son, as though they would have broke  
through to slay me; but the Lord was with  
me, and did fight for me, and did scatter  
his Enemies as the dust before the Wind:  
Glory be to his Name for evermore.

I cannot express the large Love of our  
God, how he did preserve us from so many  
Deaths and Threatnings, as they did come  
to me with, falling down upon their knees,  
saying Mais, and would have me to say af-  
ter them; but in the Name of the Lord  
I denyed them. They would howl like  
Dogs, because they could not beguile the  
Innocent, and slay my righteous life; but  
praises be to the Lord our God, who did  
preserve me from the Wolf and the De-  
vourers, denying them & their Sacrifices.

And when they saw they could not pre-  
vail to betray us from the Truth, then  
they said, *they would give us to the Devil to  
be tormented, and deliver us over to their bad  
Catholicks, to do by us as they pleased; for*  
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they would use us badly, and so they did  
 seek to do. Oh the cursed noises and cries  
 the *Sodomites* did make, crying, *Quake,*  
*quake,* running about the Prison raging,  
 and some singing, and crowding round the  
 Prison night and day, as if they would  
 have broke through to slay me, and the  
 sons of *Belial* did run to bear false witness,  
 so that I looked every hour when they  
 would fetch me out, and slay me. The  
 Enemy did so work to perswade, that they  
 had prest my dear yokefellow with stones,  
 which was a great trouble to me, because I  
 I could not suffer death with her, I did  
 yeeld she had been slain. And afterwards  
 this great tribulation being ended, then  
 they said, my (dear and faithful) yoke-fel-  
 low should be sent to *Rome*, and I should  
 tarry at *Malta*, which did sore increase my  
 sorrow and wrought upon my spirit, to try  
 and examine wherefore the Lord should  
 deal so hardly with me, as to leave me be-  
 hind, or whether he did not count me  
 worthy to go and give in my Testimony  
 with her, to *Rome*, and offer up my Life  
 for the Testimony of *Jesus*, than to have  
 my liberty to return to *England* with her,  
 and I cryed day and night to the Lord, and  
 would not give my soul rest, nor my eyes  
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sleep, till the Lord did answer me, glory  
and praises be to his Name for ever. But  
we saw *Jacob* must part with all; *Benjamin*  
must go too. So we were willing to give  
up in obedience to the Lord; our tryals  
were unspeakable. Oh the unclean spirits!  
they would speak to us at noon-day; but  
the Lord did give us power over them;  
that we did not fear the wild Boars out of  
the Wood; nor the wild Beasts out of  
the Field.

Then there was one came and said, that  
*Katherine and I must be both sent to Rome.*  
Which did rejoyce my soul, and renewed  
my strength, because the Lord did count  
me worthy to go and give in my Testimo-  
ny for his Truth; the Word of his Prophe-  
sie, before the great and mighty ones of the  
Earth. The Lord said, *I should not be a-*  
*fraid;* and he shewed me in the light how  
he had bowed them down before us; and  
I saw them in the Light of Christ, how the  
*Pope*, the *Friars* and *Sorcerers* stood in  
ranks, bowing down before us. So we saw  
our Dominion in Spirit. They did work  
to send us to *Rome*, but the Lord did blast  
it, and fought against them, that they could  
not send us.

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Now our Testimony was as largely given in at *Rome*, as at *Malta*. The Friars came to me, and shewed me *Mary* and her Babe pictured against a Wall, and would have me look upon it. I stamp't with my foot, and said, Cursed be all Images and Image-makers, and all that fall down to worship them; Christ Jesus is the express Image of his Fathers Brightness, which is Light and Life; who doth reveal the Mystery of Iniquity, the cunning working of Satan, to draw out the mind to follow him, from the pure Life, and to vail over the Just One from beholding the Presence of the Lord. But glory be to the Lord, who hath made him manifest in thousands of his, in this Day of his Power. When we were separated, we spake one and the same thing, being guided by one Spirit. They would go from me to *Katherine*, and they would bid her *speake as Sarah did*, and so she did, to their condemnation: Praises to the Lord, *Amen*.

A Paper

*A PAPER sent from them, to the  
Pope's Lord Inquisitor in Malta.*

For the Lord Inquisitor and his  
Council, &c.

**M**ENS persons I cannot admire ; they that do admire and respect any man's person, do it because of advantage ; and such are transgressors, the Apostles (James and Jude) say.

In obedience to the Lord, in love to your souls, from the Fountain of Love, and Springs of Life that stream forth to the refreshment of the whole City of God, am I constrained to visit you with these few Lines ; and I beseech you to reade it with the Spirit of Moderation and Meekness, and see that nothing arise in you against it, for it is God's Truth.

Christ Jesus who is the Light of the world, that hath enlightned every one that comes into the world, saith, This is Life eternal, to know thee the only true God, & Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent. Now the knowledge of God is Life eternal ; and there is no other way to come to this knowledge, but to have the mind turned

turned from darkness to the Light; out of the visible, to that which is invisible, viz. the Light in the Conscience, which convinceth of sin and iniquity; when no mortal eye can see you: And as you come to love it; and to have your minds staid upon it, you will feel the Incomes of God's Power to administer condemnation upon the transgressor; that keeps the pure Seed in bondage in you; For Sion is redeemed through Judgement; and her Converts with Righteousness.

Paul saith, If thou believest in thy heart the Lord Jesus; and confessest with thy mouth that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved; for with the heart man believeth unto Salvation: And we do believe, and see, and taste, and handle of the good Word of Life, and have received the Spirit of Truth, to lead us into all Truth, and doth bring all things to our remembrance, without any visible thing. And Paul wrote to the Galatians, saying, My little Children, of whom I travel in birth till Christ be formed in you. Where Christ is formed within, there needs no form without; the outward form is called an Earthen Vessel, or an Earthen Tabernacle, or an Earthen House; but Christ Jesus is the express Image of his Father's Glory (or Substance) which is Light and Life.

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Now the Image of Christ is a pure and a holy Image, a meek and a Dove-like Image, an innocent and a Lamb-like Image, a righteous and a glorious Image, Christ in you the hope of Glory, saith the Apostle to the Saints.

The Lord our God hath given to every man a measure of the manifestation of his own Spirit to profit withal, which is the Light in the Conscience, the true Teacher of his People; it is the Grace of God that bringeth Salvation, that appeareth to all men, and it teacheth all that come to believe in it, and to love and to be guided by it, to deny all ungodliness and worldly lusts, and to walk soberly, righteously, holy and godly in this present world; and it will deal plainly with every one; none need to fear being deceived by that in them which doth condemn them for sin and evil: But they that live in Pride, are deceived already; they that live in Covetousness, are deceived already; and they that live in Lusts or Drunkenness, are deceived already; or in Lying, Swearing, Adultery or Idolatry, are deceived; or in Hypocrisie and Deceit, Hard-heartedness or Cruelty, they are deceived already; for those you know, are fruits which do proceed from a deceived heart, being corrupted for want of  
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knowledge. My People perish for want of knowledge, saith God. He that hath not the Spirit of Christ, is none of his; and he that hath the Spirit of Christ, ought himself to walk as Christ walked. Now Christ was no Persecutor, he never imprisoned any, nor ever put any to suffer, but He and the holy Prophets and Apostles were made to suffer as evil doers, this we know.

The Day of the Lord is hot and terrible against all sin and iniquity, and that nature from whence it doth proceed, and We are a WO for all them that are laying up of a Fuel for it.

This is God's Truth, whether you can receive it yea or nay. I am ready to seal it with my blood, if the Lord shall call me to it.

Whosoever shall interpret this Paper before the Lord Inquisitor (so called) I charge thee in the Name of the living God, as thou wilt answer before his dreadful presence, to interpret it word by word, as it is written, without adding or diminishing.

Katherine Evans.

THE Friar then came to me, and askt me, *why I did not work?* I said unto him, What work dost thou do? He said, *he did write.* I told him I would write too, if he would bring me Pen, Ink and Paper, and I would write Truth. He said, *He would not that we should write; for St. Paul did work at Rome, and we might get nine or ten grains a day, if we did knit, that is three half-pence.* I told him, if we could have that priviledge amongst them, that Paul had at Rome under Caesar, which was a Heathenish King, we would have wrought, and not have been chargeable to any: Paul lived in his own hired house two years, with a Souldier to look to him, and had Friends of the same Occupation to work with him, and could send where he would, and whosoever would come to him, might, and he taught them in the Name of the Lord Jesus, and no man forbad him. So I askt him, Whether he knew the holy War of God, yea or nay? if he did, I told him he then did know we could not be without exercise day nor night. Then his mouth was stopped, and he spake no more to me of work. But though our affliction of body

was very great, and our travel of soul was greater, yet we did knit Stockens, and gave to them that were made serviceable to us, and did make Garments for the poor Prisoners, and mended their Clothes which had need, and were made helpful to them all, to their condemnation that did persecute us. But we could not work at the Friar's will, nor any mans else, but as we had freedom in the Lord.

As I was weak in my bed, the Friar came to me, and said, *We did deny the Scriptures.* I told him, they did deny them; we did own them, and hold them forth, thou dost know it. He was in a rage, because I said they denied the Scriptures, and bid me *eat my words again, and threatned death upon me.* I said, Christ Jesus was the Light of the World, and had lighted every one that cometh into the World; which Light is our Salvation that do receive it, and the same Light is the Worlds Condemnation that do not believe in it. Then he said, *He would lay me in Chains, where I should neither see Sun nor Moon.* They say, *The Father hath almost killed you,* said he, *but I will kill you quite before I have done.* He had a Book in his hand, and he did study in it: I told him, he did

comprehend the words in his carnal mind; and he was wroth, and said, *he would give me to the Devils to be tormented.* I said, I deny the Devil and all his works and workers.

Some would come unto the Prison upon their Saints dayes, and ask us, *what day it was?* We did answer, We did not know, neither did we observe dayes nor times, months nor years. Then answer would be made, *It was St. Joseph's day,* or some other Saint; and *St. Joseph should punish us that night, because we did not observe his day.* We answered, We did know the Saints to be at peace with us, and we did not fear them. We further said, *Paul did call it beggarly Elements and Rudiments of the World,* to observe days, times, months and years; and their mouthes would be stopt for a time. Then came the Friar another time, and told me, *it was seventeen dayes to their Christmas;* and said, *the Virgin Mary conceived with child that day,* being the same day he spake to me on; as if she did go with child but seventeen dayes. And he said, *the next day was Lady Ann's day, the Virgin Mary's Mother, a Saint.*

Then, as I was crying to the Lord in Prayer because of our long-suffering, and

our strong travel and labour, and no fruit,  
as did appear; the Lord said unto me, Be  
not grieved, though Israel be not gather-  
ed; the seed of Malta shall be as the stars  
of the sky for multitude: That which ye  
have sown, shall not dye, but live: Glo-  
ry be to the Name of the Lord for ever.

A Copy of a Writing from their  
hands, sent in pursuit after the  
Friar.

MALACHY,

Thou saidst thou wouldst try whether we  
had the true Spirit, yea or nay; and  
thou hast tryed day and night, but thou never  
tryedst the right way; the Seed of God is not  
tryed with deceit, lying, hypocrisie, nor cruel-  
ty; But if thou hadst turned in with thy mind  
to the Light of God in thy Conscience, thou  
wouldst soon have known us; or hadst the Love  
of Christ been sowed abroad in thy heart; thou  
mightst have comprehendd us; or hadst thou  
found the Ballance of the Sanctuary of the  
true Tabernacle, which God hath pitched, and  
not man, thou mightst have weighed us; or  
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If thou hadst Judgement to the Line; and  
 Righteousness to the Plummets, thou mightst  
 have fathomed us; or, couldst thou have opened  
 the Book of Life, thou mightst have read us;  
 or, hadst thou gone into the House of Israel,  
 thou mightst have had fellowship with us,  
 &c. Contrary to our wills were we cast in a-  
 mongst you, and have given our Testimony for  
 the Lord, and called you all to Repentance,  
 and have forewarned you of the evil the Lord  
 is bringing upon you; but you have slighted  
 the day of your Visitation, and have done de-  
 spite to the Spirit of Grace, and have cast ma-  
 ny hard speeches and false aspersions upon the  
 Truth, and the Messengers thereof, and the  
 Lord will visit for these things; and you have  
 blinded your eyes that you will not see, and  
 stopped your ears that you might not hear, and  
 hardened your hearts that you might not un-  
 derstand; lest you should see with your eyes,  
 and hear with your ears, and understand with  
 your hearts, and turn to the Lord, and be con-  
 verted, and he should heal you. Oh that you  
 had known in this your day, what had belonged  
 to your peace! but now it is hid from your eyes.

The desire of our souls is, That every one may  
 repent that can find a place; and what ever  
 you have done to us, we desire it may not be laid  
 to your charge; for we count our selves happy  
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*that we were found worthy to suffer for the  
Name of the Lord.*

Written in the In- Katherine Evans  
quisition-Prison  
in the Isle of Sarah Cheevers  
*Malta.*

*Behold victorious Hymns and Songs,  
and Praises, all in Verse;  
The same sprung from the Seed of life,  
its perfect Righteousness.*

**O** H Lord my Life is given up,  
thy Truth for to declare;  
O Lord, keep thou me in thine Arms,  
and guide me in thy Fear.  
Thy Bow is bent, thy Sword is drawn  
thy enemies to deface,  
Thy fire's kindled against all those  
that will not Truth imbrace.  
Thine Arrows which are sharp and keen,  
upon their heads shall fall;  
Thy double-edged Sword also,  
to cut them down withal.  
So plague the Heathen; and correct  
the People in thy Wrath;

That

That they may fear and dread thy Name,  
 and come to know thy Truth.  
 Throughout the World so large and wide,  
 thy Truth thou dost declare,  
 Thy saving health for to enjoy,  
 by thy Light doth appear.  
 Thou dost send forth thy Messengers,  
 glad-tydings to proclaim,  
 To call the hungry forth to feed  
 on thy Lamb, being slain.  
 Feasts of fat things thou dost prepare  
 the hungry for to feed,  
 And cloath the nak'd with garments fair,  
 that want and stand in need.  
 Heaven's Glory is appearing,  
 its Brightness shineth forth,  
 Over all Nations: it's clearing  
 the Lord's Eternal Truth.  
 Every one that's in darkness,  
 under its shadow lye,  
 May come forth into the Brightness,  
 out of obscurity.  
 O Lord teach me thy perfect Wayes,  
 that I may walk therein,  
 And lead me in the Path of Life,  
 and cleanse me from all sin.  
 How gracious is the Lord our God,  
 and kind to *Israel*,  
 With us he doth make his abode,  
 his Presence doth us fill. So

So that we are not desolate,  
 nor yet distressed with woes,  
 Because the Lord doth take our part,  
 and doth confound our foes.  
 Every one that is oppressed,  
 and cast in danger, deep,  
 If that in God they put their trust,  
 he will them safely keep.  
 Right dear and precious to the Lord  
 are all his little ones,  
 That suffer for his holy Name,  
 he will avenge their wrongs.  
 And in his Wrath he will destroy  
 his Enemies so stout,  
 And suddenly will make a way,  
 and lead his Servants out.  
 And he himself will them restore  
 to Joy and Comfort both,  
 And will preserve them evermore,  
 because they do him love.  
 But as for men of corrupt minds,  
 whose wayes defiled are,  
 The Lord will visit with all kinds  
 of Judgments, and not spare.  
 He will pursue them with his Sword,  
 and cut them to the ground,  
 That do reject his holy Word,  
 his Plagues shall them confound:  
 Because that they do not obey  
 his Mercies and his Grace,

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Which he so free to them doth give,  
if they would them imbrace.  
But as their Fathers did, so they  
requite the Lord with wrong,  
And persecute thy Messengers,  
and make them suffer long:  
Because that they the Truth declare,  
as Scripture telleth plain,  
That Christ himself, the Lord's own Heir,  
is come, and he will reign  
Both Lord and Prince, and King also,  
throughout the World that's wide,  
And Antichrist will overthrow,  
and *Babel* in her pride.  
It's not their golden Candlesticks,  
nor Lamps, that be so many,  
That can shine through the Clouds so thick  
to give a Light to any;  
To lead to a true resting-place,  
where they may still behold  
The Beauty of God's glorious Face,  
more bright than fined Gold.  
Thou seest, O Lord, what man hath done,  
for to exalt himself  
Against the Lord, thy blessed Son,  
who is our saving health.  
They have changed his glorious Form  
and Image, that's so bright,  
And fashion'd it like sinful man,  
corrupted in thy sight.

Arise,

Arise, O Lord, arise in haste,  
 and punish for these things,  
 These men that have sought thy disgrace,  
 that they might reign as Kings  
 Over thine own Inheritance,  
 contrary to thy Will,  
 To keep them still in ignorance,  
 without knowledge or skill.  
 But now the God of Pow'r is come,  
 to raise up Sion bright,  
 And to build up Jerusalem  
 in all the Heathens sight.  
 The Gates of Hell shall not prevail,  
 though they be wide and strong,  
 Against the gathering in of all  
 that to the Lord belong. †  
 All Glory, Honour, Laud and Praise  
 be to the Lord of Might,  
 Who hath made known in these our days,  
 his Way, his Truth, his Light.

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*Concerning the Cross of Christ, which is not  
 a visible sign, or a piece of Wood, but the  
 invisible and immortal Power of the Lord  
 God, and his Wisdom unto Salvation, to and  
 in all them that believe, is the same Christ,  
 the Power of God, and the Wisdom of God :  
 But the same Cross is to the outward Jew*

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(or Christian) a stumbling-block, and to  
the wise Greek (that's exalted and puffed up  
in the knowledge above, and over the Meek  
Life) foolishness, as saith the Scripture,  
1 Cor. I. 18, 19.

**T**He Cross of Christ I do embrace,  
Which gives an entrance into Grace;  
Both Sin and Death it doth deface,  
And makes me run a glorious race.  
A Crown of Life I do obtain,  
And Sin and Death is daily slain;  
And Christ himself alone to reign  
Thorow the Cross I do obtain.

The Cross of Christ is more to me,  
Than all the treasures I can see;  
It brings me to my resting-place,  
For to behold God's lovely Face.

The Cross of Christ is Power indeed  
Against the Serpent and his seed:  
And Salvation it doth bring  
To all that do believe therein.

The Cross of Christ is my delight,  
It doth uphold me day and night:  
It keeps me from the power of sin,  
Through Christ who is my heav'nly King.

Without the Cross I cannot be  
From Sin and Death at all set free.  
The Cross alone doth crucifie  
Transgression, Sin, Iniquity: It

It doth break down the Middle-wall,  
 And slayes the Enmity withal;  
 And makes of twain one perfect man;  
 So renews Christ for me again.

The Croſs of Christ it doth destroy  
 That nature that doth disobey,  
 In those that do themselves deny,  
 And take it up most willingly,  
 And dally bear it after him,  
 Who is our Lord, our Prince, and King;  
 And not at all to let it down,  
 Till they come to enjoy the Crown.

The Croſs of Christ is Power and Life,  
 It doth destroy all mortal strife;  
 It keepeth from the power of Sin,  
 All those that love to walk therein,  
 All that do own Christ Jesus Croſs,  
 Through self-denial they must pass,  
 For to be purged from their sin,  
 And no longer live therein.

The Croſs of Christ doth operate  
 Through every vein and vital part,  
 The heart and reins to cleanse from sin,  
 Of them that's exercis'd therein.

All they that live in wickedness,  
 Are enemies to Christ Jesus Croſs;  
 For every sin and uncleanness  
 Doth pierce the Life of Christ Jesus.

Perfect Love, and breathings of unde-  
filed Life, to the Seed of God, greet-  
ing.

**T**He streams of Beauty, pure & bright,  
That springeth up both day and night,  
My love, to Truth doth me constrain  
In Prison ever to remain;  
If it in truth be so that I  
Cannot be set at liberty.

My dear Redeemers face so bright,  
Doth shine upon me day and night;  
His Countenance doth exceed all  
Captivity and Bondage thrall.

My pure and undefiled Love,  
Which cometh from a harmless Dove,  
Within whose breasts doth still remain  
God's perfect praises to maintain.

I have not time nor place to show  
The Love which from my heart doth flow,  
The blessing of th' Almighty be,  
On Jacobs Seed eternally,  
And let it make its sure abode  
Upon the Heritage of God.

Amen.

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**T**Hese Writings following, are Copies  
 of divers Letters which they had  
 written to their Friends and near Relati-  
 ons in the time of my visitation of them :  
 But it came so to pass, that as they were  
 handing the same through the Grate of the  
 Prison, by the hand of another man, to be  
 communicated to my hand, being then pre-  
 sent in the Room also, that the said Let-  
 ters were intercepted, and in the first place  
 communicated to the Pope's Lord Inquisi-  
 tor, and he forthwith sent for the Consul,  
 and charged him to get the same truly co-  
 pied forth : Then the Consul was wrath  
 with me that he should be exercised with  
 so much trouble : But in the Light and  
 Counsell of my God, I seeing and knowing  
 that there was nothing in them but what  
 came from a good ground of Innocency  
 and Truth, and pure natural Affection, I  
 was moved in bowels of tender Love, lest  
 the said Letters should be finally miscarri-  
 ed, or shut up in obscurity, therefore I pro-  
 pounded to the Consul, If that were such  
 a trouble to him, if he would let me have  
 the Letters, I should copy them out truly.  
 And after some time he consented, and  
 gave them into my hand, and laid it upon  
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my Conscience to perform as I had said, which I did with gladness of heart, not in submission to his Will, but in obedience to the God of Love and Peace, which guided me in the same; and so after I had finished them, I gave the fair Copies into the Consul's hands for his Lord Inquisitor.

And so in the wisdom of the Lord, which is wiser than the Serpents, I obtained the very desire of my heart for his Truth and Peoples sake; and retained the Original Copies; and in the endless Love and Power of the Lord Almighty, which was, and is with me, and accompanied me (blessed and magnified be the Power of his excellent Majesty and Glory, *Amen*) over the heads of the lofty Mountains, and barren Hills, I brought the Treasures of a blessed and good ground away with this body in which I am, so that they were not only in my hands, but also the precious substance and vertue of the same that accompanied them, even in my heart, within my bosome; and the Words of wisdoms Life did I wear as a Chain of precious Stones and Diamonds about my neck, & as Bracelets and Ornaments of a comely and delicate chaste Bride, about my hands and loins; and behold the Almighty Lord and

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King of Eternal Life, that had so mightily preserved me in the shadow of his holiness of Almightyness, which stopt the mouth of devouring Lyons, and chained and committed the ravening and devouring wild Beasts of the Forrest, even he the King of blessedness and endless Glory, filled my heart with his spotless and unexpressible Love: And as I lay upon the deck of the Vessel in which I was a Passenger, and a stranger among Men of many and diverse Nations, in the morning of the day I awoke and beheld the exceeding Glory of the Lord under the secret shadow of his holiness of Almightyness, in a Vision of God; and in the same I beheld the Bride, the Lamb's Wife prepared for the Bridegroom's coming, and why should not I declare somewhat of the felicity that mine eye in the Eternal Life of blessedness saw; albeit, the Revelation is unutterable which I felt, and know how to be silent in the Father's Presence, where every Babe knoweth my voice, which I come to give a sound in their ears to whom I will write, and not to spread Pearls before Swine, that will defile and trample on them: That mine eye, mine eye hath seen, and perfectly beheld the Free-born from above, coming out of the Wilderness, covered

ered with goodly and comely Raiment,  
 white and clean, as the light of the Sun,  
 or as a Stone most precious, clear as Chry-  
 stal; and mine eye beheld a Crown which  
 was embraced in the Arms of the Bride-  
 groom, and the Crown was well adorned  
 with many Stars, which did excel each o-  
 ther in Glory; and mine eye beheld the  
 Sun as a Bridegroom rejoycing over the  
 Virgin-Bride of his Espousal, so that I  
 was even sick with pure and undefiled  
 Love. Mine eye, mine eye did so affect  
 my heart, so that I awaked in the same, in  
 the morning of a clear day, and I looked,  
 and behold the Sun was arisen above the  
 Horizon of the Earth and Waters, and my  
 Life abundantly blessed and magnified the  
 living Lord, my King and my God, the  
 Rock of my strength, and saving-health of  
 his Anointed. And behold I had seen a  
 Vision of God in the morning-light, and  
 the sweet *Solution* of the same was given  
 me to treasure up within my very heart, till  
 an appointed time and season: The Chil-  
 dren of the Morning-light may right-well  
 read the same as they sit together in their  
 several places, that's over and above the  
 earth, and be comforted and refreshed at  
 the joyful Sound of the same Voice that

brings the glad-tyding of the good thing  
yea, and my Spirit with you the blessed  
the Lord, shall bleis his Name, who is the  
mighty God in the midst of us : Even  
*Amen, Ha-le-lu-jah.*

**P**Raise ye the Lord,  
Salvation to his Name,  
Ye Saints in Life,  
Free from all strife,  
Your voice sound forth the same.

My Life shall sing  
To *Sion's* King,  
His Love in peace and glory,  
Who hath so free  
Begotten me  
Into his Life that's holy.

Among his Saints and Messengers,  
his Fame my heart shall sound,  
Because their life  
Is free from strife,  
In Love that doth abound.

My prayers in the Life that's clean,  
shall from the same ascend,  
Unto the God of Love and Peace,  
that he may you defend.

To perfect Love and Unity,  
 that it may more abound ;  
 For so your fame  
 In his pure Name,  
 Doth give a certain sound.

Unto the Nations round about,  
 your Fame aloud shall sing,  
 To call them all  
 Both great and small,  
 To bow to *Sion's* King.

Your Gates alwayes,  
 ( Of perfect praise )  
 Full wide shall open stand,  
 That all may come  
 I'th free-born Son,  
 (Th' *Light*) to dwell in your Land,

Of rest and peace,  
 In righteousness,  
 I'th living Way that's holy ;  
 So you shall sing,  
 And fruit shall spring  
 Within the City holy.

The Vine that's true,  
 Shall compass you  
 That sit under his shade,

With great delight  
In his clear sight,  
None shall make you afraid.

Within the perfect Love there is no fear,  
So in the Father's sight ye are right dear.

My bowels and my soul, my very heart,  
To you ye living Saints extends;  
Much could I write  
In the true Light;  
But ye can read, my Friends,

Without a Book of words,  
Which finally may end;  
My mind that's clean,  
Come read the same;  
Behold I am your Friend.

In *Jacob's* Land,  
Where he did stand;  
I'th place that's blest,  
Where he did rest,  
Who like a Prince prevail'd,  
with the true Lord of Might,  
Who also blessed him,  
even in the Morning-light.

*Selah.*

And seeing that it hapned so, that the Copies of the Letters of the Lord's Prisoners, were left in the hands of their Enemies, in a strange Land, it is seen meet to insert them among the rest of their Writings, for the good of many of their own Nation of *England*, who may right-well savour the tender love and vertue of true and pure natural Affection, not only to their Kindred and Fathers House, but also to their own Country; all of which they were truly called to forsake, as was good old *Abraham* our Father, who in obedience to the good Word & Commandment of the Almighty God, went forth, not knowing whither he went; even as these poor Women, and many more, who are deemed by the Wise of this world, foolish things, not well considering how that the Lord hath chosen the Poor of this world, and made them Rich in Faith; and also chuseth base things, and weak things, and foolish things, to confound the things that are mighty, and to bring to nought things that are, to the end that no Flesh should glory in his presence; who with his mighty hand, and out-stretched arm of Dignity and excellent Power, is defacing and staining the Pride of all Glory, and bringing

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into contempt all the Honourable of the earth that's out of order, and bringing down the haughtiness & loftiness of Man, who shall know that it is the everlasting and terrible God of Eternity, when he ariseth to shake terribly the Earth, that presseth down, and oppresseth the Seed of his Bowels, and trampleth on the principal Wheat that came out of the good Husbandmans right hand; for which the God of Heaven is visiting the Nations, as in the ancient dayes: Albeit, he hath long time held his peace in the habitation of his Holiness, where his Honour dwelleth; but behold, behold, he is arising in the Greatness of his strength, even as a Lyon over his Prey, or as a Lyonness bereaved of her Young; for out of *Sion* hath he uttered his Voice, and thundered forth the Majesty of his powerful Word of Salvation, through the Gate of his beloved City *Jerusalem*, from on high free-born, which hath echoed into the ears and hearts of the Hypocrites, and surprized the double-minded with fear on every hand; for he hath cried, and yet will, in the Spirit of his Prophesie, through his Sons and Daughters, in whom He which is holy dwelleth, to make waste Mounrains and Hills, and to devour

at once, as in the ancient dayes : And my Spirit saith, Even so the Lord hasten it (*Amen*) for his Elects sake.

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*Katherine Evans to her Husband  
and Children.*

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For the hand of *JOHN EVANS*,  
my right dear and precious Husband,  
with my tender-hearted  
Children, who are more dear and  
precious unto me, than the Apple  
of mine eye.

**M**ost dear and faithful Husband, Friend  
and Brother, begotten of my Eternal  
Father, of the immortal Seed of the Cove-  
nant of Light, Life and Blessedness, I have  
unity and fellowship with thee day and night;  
to my great Refreshment, and continual Com-  
fort; Praises, Praises be given to our God for  
evermore, who hath joyned us together in that  
which neither Sea nor Land can separate or  
divide.

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My dear heart, my Soul doth dearly salute thee, with my dear and precious Children, which are dear and precious in the Light of the Lord, to thy endless joy, and my everlasting comfort ; glory be to our Lord God eternally, who hath called you with a holy Calling, and hath caused his Beauty to shine upon you in the day of his Power, wherein he is making up of his Jewels, and binding up of his faithful Ones in the Bond of everlasting Love and Salvation, among whom he hath numbered you of his own free Grace ; in which I beseech you (dear hearts) in the fear of the Lord, to abide in your measures, according to the manifestation of the Revelation of the Son of God in you ; keep a diligent watch over every Thought, Word and Action, and let your minds be staid continually in the Light, where you will find out the snares and baits of Satan, and be preserved out of his Traps, Nets and Pits, that you may not be captivated by him at his will. Oh my dear Husband and Children, how often have I poured out my Soul to our everlasting Father for you, with Rivers of Tears, night and day, that you might be kept pure and single in the sight of our God, improving your Talents as wise Virgins, having Oyl in your Vessels, and your Lamps burning, and clothed with the long white Robes of Righteousness.

Righteousness, ready to enter the Bed-chamber, and to sup with the Lamb, and to feed at the Feast of fat things, where your souls may be nourished, refreshed, comforted, and satisfied, never to hunger again.

My dear hearts, you do not want teaching, you are in a Land of Blessedness, which floweth with Milk and Honey, among the faithful Stewards, whose mouths are opened wide in Righteousness, to declare the Eternal Mysteries of the everlasting Kingdom, of the endless Joies, and eternal Glory; whereinto all the willing and obedient shall enter, and be blessed for ever.

My dear hearts, the Promises of the Lord are large, and are all Yea and Amen to those that fear his Name; he will comfort the Mourners in Sion, and will cause the Heavy-hearted in Jerusalem to rejoyce, because of the glad-tydings; They that do bear the Cross with patience, shall wear the Crown with joy; for it is through the long-suffering and patient waitings, the Crown of Life and Immortality comes to be obtained: The Lord hath exercised my Patience, and tryed me to the utmost, to his praise and my eternal comfort, who hath not been wanting to us in anything, in his own due time; We are Witnesses he can provide a Table in the Wilderness, both spiritual

tual and temporal. Oh the endless Love of our God, who is an everlasting Fountain of all living Refreshment; whose Chrystal stream never cease running to every thirsty Soul, that breatheth after the springs of Life and Salvation!

In our deepest Affliction, when I looked for every breath to be the last, I could not wish that I had not come over Seas, because I knew it was my Eternal Father's Will to prove me, and my dear and faithful Friend; In all afflictions and miseries, the Lord remembered Mercy, and did not leave nor forsake us, nor suffer his Faithfulness to fail us, but caused the sweet drops of his Mercy to distil upon us, and the brightness of his glorious Countenance to shine into our hearts; and was never wanting to us in Revelations nor Visions. Oh! how may I do to set forth the Fulness of God's Love to our Souls? No tongue can express it, no heart can conceive it, nor mind can comprehend it. Oh the ravishments, the raptures, the glorious bright-shining Countenance of our Lord God, who is our fulness in emptiness, our strength in weakness, our health in sickness, our life in death, our joy in sorrow, our peace in disquietness, our praise in heaviness, our power in our needs or necessities; He alone is a full God unto us, and to all that can trust him; he hath emptied

supplied us of our selves, and hath unbotto-  
 med us of our selves, and hath wholly built  
 upon the sure Foundation, the Rock of  
 Ages, Christ Jesus the Light of the world ;  
 where the swelling Seas, nor raging, foaming  
 Waves, nor stormy Winds, though they beat  
 vehemently, can be able to remove us. Glory,  
 honor and praises is to our God for ever, who  
 out of his everlasting Treasures, doth fill us  
 with his Eternal Riches day by day ; he did  
 nourish our souls with the choicest of his Mer-  
 cies, and doth feed our bodies with his good  
 creatures, and relieve all our Necessities in a  
 full measure ; Praises, Praises be to him al-  
 ways, who is our everlasting portion, our con-  
 fidence, and our rejoycing, whom we serve ac-  
 ceptably with reverence and God-like fear ;  
 our God is a consuming fire.

Oh my dear Husband and precious Chil-  
 dren, you may feel the issues of Love and Life,  
 which stream forth as a River to every soul of  
 man, from a heart that is wholly joyned to the  
 Fountain ! My Prayers are for you day and  
 night without ceasing, beseeching the Lord  
 of Power to pour down his tender Mer-  
 cies upon you, and to keep you in his pure fear,  
 to encrease your Faith, to confirm you in  
 Righteousness, and strengthen you in be-  
 lieving in the Name of the Lord God Al-  
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mighty, that you may be established as Mount Zion, that can never be moved. Keep your Souls unspotted of the World, and love one another with a pure heart, fervently serving one another in love ; build up one another to the Eternal, and bear one anothers burden for the Seeds sake, and so fulfil the Law of God. This is the Word of the Lord unto you, my dearly beloved.

Dear hearts, I do commit you into the hands of the Almighty, who dwelleth on high, and to the Word of his Grace in you, who is able to build you up to everlasting Life, and eternal Salvation. By me, who am thy dear and precious Wife, and Spouse, in the Marriage of the Lamb, in the Bed undefiled,

K. E.

My dearly beloved Toak-mate in the Word of our God, doth dearly salute you ; Salute us dearly to our precious Friends in all places. I do believe we shall see your faces again with joy. Dearly salute us to T. H. R. S. and his Sister, S. B. and his Daughter, N. M. and his dear Wife, with all the rest of our dear Friends in Bristol. T. C. and his dear Wife and Daughter, and all Friends in Bristol else-where. J. G. and his precious Wife, Children and Servants, with all Friends

My dear Love to E. H. with her Husband  
and Children at Alderberry.

The Original of this was written in  
the Inquisition in *Malta*, in the  
11th. Month of the year, 1661.

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Sarah Cheevers to her Husband  
and Children.

**M**y Dear Husband, my love, my life is  
given up to serve the living God, and  
to obey his pure Call in the measure of the ma-  
nifestation of his Love, Light, Life and Spi-  
rit of Christ Jesus, his only begotten Son,  
whom he hath manifested in me, and thou-  
sands, by the brightness of his Appearing, to  
bring an end to Sin and Satan, and bring to light  
immortality, through the preaching of the  
everlasting Gospel, by the Spirit of Prophecie,  
which is poured out upon the Sons & Daugh-  
ters of the living God, according to his pur-  
pose; whereof he hath chosen me, who am the  
least of all; but God, who is rich in mercy,  
for his own Name sake hath passed by mine  
Offences,

Offences, and hath counted me worthy to bear testimony to his holy Name, before the mighty Men of the Earth. Oh the Love of the Lord to my Soul! my tongue cannot express, neither hath it entred into the heart of Man, to conceive of the things that God hath laid up for them that fear him.

Therefore doth my soul breath to my God for thee and my Children, night and day, that your minds may be joyned to the Light of the Lord Jesus, to lead you out of Satans Kingdom, into the Kingdom of God, where we may enjoy one another in the Life Eternal, where neither Sea nor Land can separate; In which Light and Life I salute thee my dear Husband, with my Children, wishing you to embrace Gods love, in making his Truth so clearly manifest amongst you; whereof I am a Witness, even of the everlasting Fountain that hath been opened by the Messengers of Christ, who preach to you the Word of God in season, and out of season, directing you where you may find your avoynr to purge and cleanse you from your sins, and to reconcile you to his Father, and to have unity with him and all the Saints, in the Light, that ye may be fellow Citizens in the Kingdom of Glory, Rest and Peace, which Christ hath purchased for them that love him, and obey him: What profit is there for to gain  
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the whole World, and lose your own Souls? Seek first the Kingdom of God, & the Righteousness thereof; and all other things shall be added to you; Godliness is great gain, having the promise of this life that now is, and that which is to come; which is fulfilled to me, who have tasted of the Lord's endless Love and Mercies to my soul; and from knowing of the same love and life do I breathe to thee my dear Husband, with my Children; my dear Love salutes you all; my Prayers to my God are for you all, that your minds may be joyned to the Light, wherewith you are lightened, that I may enjoy you in that which is Eternal, and have community with you in the Spirit. He that is joyned to the Lord, is one spirit, one heart, one mind, one soul, to serve the Lord with one consent. I cannot by Pen or Paper set forth the large Love of God in fulfilling his gracious Promises to me in the Wilderness; being put into Prison for God's Truth, there to remain all dayes of my life, being searched, tryed, examined upon pain of death among the Enemies of God and his Truth; standing in jeopardy for my life, until the Lord had subdued and brought them under by his mighty Power, and made them to feed us and would have given us money or clothes; but the Lord did deck our Table richly in the Wilderness

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derness. The Day of the Lord is appearing wherein he will discover every Deed of darkness, let it be done never so secret; the Light of Christ Jesus will make it manifest in every Conscience; the Lord will rip up all coverings that is not of his own Spirit. The God of Peace be with you all, Amen.

Written in the Inquisition-Prison  
by the hand of Sarah Cheever  
for the hand of Henry Cheever  
my dear Husband; give this  
fail not.

*I do not well remember that this was one  
of the surprized Letters.*

## A Letter to a Kinswoman of S. C.

S. P.

**M**Y dear Kinswoman, I dearly salute thee, with thy Husband, and thy tender Babes: I am not unmindful of thee, nor of thy Love that thou shewed'st to me; I know thou shalt not lose thy reward; thou hast found refreshment in it; for it was of the Lord.

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My Barthen was weighty for the Lord; I  
 should have fled the Cross; but praises be to  
 the Lord that kept me to it, that I might  
 not lose the Crown; I was straitned in it, till  
 I gave up to it: Praised be the Name of our  
 God for ever, Amen. Stand fast in the Lord;  
 let none take thy Crown. The God of Power  
 preserve and keep thee low and single in his  
 way, pressing forward to the price of an in-  
 corruptible Crown of Glory, Peace and Rest,  
 out of all strife. Keep to the pure Life; watch  
 the Enemy; keep thy mind staid in the mea-  
 sure of God's Grace, that is able to make thee  
 rise unto salvation, and to give thee an inhe-  
 ritance with the rest of the Children of Light.  
 O tender Lamb, fear and dread the living  
 God; keep in his presence, go not out to let  
 the Enemy, to break thy peace, and to dar-  
 en thy understanding, and to vail over the  
 face, from beholding thy Saviour: Incline  
 thine ear to him, give up to a daily Cross to  
 thy own will; Stand single, empty; wait up-  
 on the Lord to be fill'd with his Fulness: let  
 him be all thy treasure, ask of him, he giveth  
 liberally: Believe, and thou shalt receive;  
 his Promise is large; I have found it so. Ha-  
 ving nothing, yet enjoying all things. I have  
 tasted; handled and felt of his everlasting  
 Love, and indurable Riches; my life is rapt

up in it ; I have found Him whom my soul loveth : Oh ! what might I do to set him forth ? He is the choicest of ten thousand ; therefore doth my soul love him.

My life is given up for him,  
his Truth for to declare ;  
Lord guide me in thy path,  
and keep me in thy fear. *Amen.*

*My dear Aunt : My dear love and life is with thee ; and I do embrace thee in the Arms and Bosom of my Eternal Fathers love, with thy dear Husband and little Ones.*

*Another in the same Paper to Friends*

**M**Y dearly beloved Sisters & Friends of Truth, I dearly salute you in the Light, Life and Love of our God, which is shed abroad in our hearts by the holy Ghost, wherein I do rejoyce, and have union with you. My Life is given up to serve the Lord. Oh how my soul travels for the Seed of God's Kingdom, to be sown throughout all Nations, for the gathering in of Christ's scattered Flock, and for the destruction of sin and Satan : For our God is weighing the Mountains in Scales,

scales, and the Dust in an equal Ballance: He is pulling down the mighty, and raising the meek, humble, lowly; he is feeding the poor and hungry with good things, but the rich he sends empty away. My dear Babes and Lambs, feed of the sincere Milk of the Word of Life, that you may grow up in it, and wax strong in spirit to praise the Lord, and to glorifie him who is worthy. Be strong in the Lord, and in the Power of his Might; seek him earnestly, call upon him continually; let your whole Meditations be staid in him alway. Seek him earnestly; deny your own thoughts and words; give heed to the Light; bring all your deeds to it; give up all that is contrary, to be slain; stand single, empty, naked before the Lord, that you may be filled with the Streams of his everlasting Love. Oh my dear hearts! our God is full of love; stand not back, press forward, let nothing hinder you; the Lord calls for you, *My Son, give me thy heart*: The Promise of our God is as large to you as to any, if you can believe; your straitness is in your selves; For God is a full Fountain; abundance of love runs forth to them that can trust him; I can witness it; in the barren Wilderness he caused streams

of living Water to break forth : I cannot express it, it is so large ; therefore doth my soul thirst after you, my dear Ones ; the love of God is to you. My dear Sisters, have you in my remembrance, and do pray to my God and your God, that you may be enlarged in your measures to praise the Lord, and to be kept in a sensible feeling of his Power daily ; and that you may increase in wisdom, strength and power over God's Enemies. The Blessing of the Lord God Almighty be with you, and preserve you by his mighty Power, unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, *Amen.*

Salute me to my Sister S. R. there is a tender Plant in her ; I do feel it to my comfort, praises be to the Lord. I am in health I praise the Lord, and do want nothing ; the Lord is my portien, I cannot want ; he hath deckt my Table richly, he hath anointed my head with Balm, it runneth down the skirts of my cloathing.

Written in the Inquisition-Prison at the Isle of *Malta*, by a sufferer for the Seeds sake. Fare-  
*Your dear Sister in the Lord,*  
 Sa. Cheevers.

*Amen.*

*Another*

*Another from K. E. to her Husband  
and Children; with somewhat from  
both the Lord's Prisoners, to Friends;  
the which was taken with the rest of  
the Letters, in the Inquisition, and  
copied out for their Lord Inquisitor.*

**D**EAR Husband, with my dear Children,  
I beseech you together, to wait in  
the patience, having your minds alwayes  
staid upon the Lord: Keep out of incum-  
brances, for that is the Enemies opportu-  
nity to step in, when the mind is gone  
forth, to vail the pure, and darken the  
understanding, and so hinder you of the  
pure enjoyment of beholding the Glory  
of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Take no more upon you than you are able  
to perform in the Spirit of moderation  
and meekness, for that is in the sight of  
God of great price: See the Lord going  
before you in all your occasions, that you  
may be prosperous in all your underta-  
kings; wait diligently upon the Lord, to  
be seasoned with his Grace, that you may

come to a pure understanding of the  
 ons of his Eternal Spirit, and a true kno-  
 ledge of the operation of his hands,  
 you will be able with all Saints, to com-  
 prehend what is the heighth, and depth,  
 and length, and breadth of the riches  
 his Grace and Loye towards mankind.  
*Christ Jesus* our Lord, *Amen*, saith my Spirit.

This is the Counsel of the Lord unto you.

I do often remember M. H. I do desire  
 she may be brought up in the fear of  
 God, and want for nothing that is conve-  
 nient for her; salute me to her dearly. I  
 have been very sensible, dear Husband,  
 thine, and our Children, and many dear  
 friends more, of your sorrowful soules,  
 mourning hearts, grieved spirits, troubled  
 minds for us, as being Members of one  
 Body, *Christ Jesus* being our Head, we must  
 needs suffer together, that we may rejoyce  
 together; a true sorrow begets a true joy,  
 a true Cross, a true Crown. We do beleive  
 it is our heavenly Fathers will and purpose  
 to bring us back as safe to *England*, as ever  
 he brought us thence, for his own glory;  
 though we are some of the least of *Christ's*  
 Flock, yet we do belong to the true Fold,  
 and our Shepherd hath had as great a care  
 of us, as he could have for any of his  
 Lambs,

lambes, and hath brought us through great affliction, praises be given to his glorious Name, of us, and you, and all that know him for ever. Though we are absent in body in the will of God, from you, yet we are present in spirit in the will of God, with you, and do receive the benefit of all your prayers daily, and do feel the Springs of Life that do stream from all the faithful hearted, to our great refreshment and strengthening.

After our money was gone, the Lord Inquisitor, with the rest in Authority, put a great allowance in one of their servants hands for our maintenance, because we could take no money our selves; the Lord of Heaven did forbid us to meddle with any; and he did send to know whether we did want any clothes, he would send it to the Prison to us: This was the large love of our God to us, and we were made contented with that we had, till the Lord God (who is rich in mercy, and full of all Grace, and is never unmindful of any which trust in his Name) of his everlasting love did send his faithful Messenger, whose feet are beautiful, and face is comely, cloathed with a bright shining Garment from the Crown of the head, to the sole of the

the foot, and came in great power and strength indeed, armed with the whole Armour of Light, and drest in the Majesty of the Most High, and being commissioner of the Higher Power, went to the *Lord Inquisitor* to demand our lawful liberty, which would not be granted, except we could get some *English* Merchants of *Liverpore* or *Messana*, to engage 4000 Dollars that we should never come into those parts again. The Lord (who alone is our Life and Redeemer) moved our dear Brother to offer his own body to redeem ours; but it would not be received; then he offered to lay down his own dear and precious life for our liberty: Greater love can no man have, than to lay down his life for his Friend; the Lord will restore it into his bosom double; his service can never be blotted out; his Name is called *Daniel Baker*; his outward being is near *London*, a right dear and precious heart he is: The blessing, strength, and power of the Almighty be upon him and his, and overshadow them for ever, *Amen*. Greater comfort could never be administered to us in our conditions; Glory, honor and praise to our God for evermore, *Amen*.

This is a dear and sweet salutation in  
 that which never changeth, fadeth away,  
 nor waxeth old, from us whom the Lord  
 hath counted worthy to bear his Name,  
 and suffer for his sake, to all our Christian  
 Friends, Fathers and Elders, Pillars of  
 Gods spiritual House, Brethren and Sisters  
 in the Lord Jesus Christ.

O my dear Husband, with our dear  
 and precious Children, Lambs of God and  
 Babes of Christ, begotten of the Immortal  
 Seed of Light, Life and Truth, with us,  
 and all the whole Family of everlasting  
 blessedness.

Pray for us believingly ; all things are  
 possible with our God. So my Darlings,  
 in the Arms of everlasting Love do I take  
 my leave of you ; the blessing and peace of  
 the Most High be upon you ever, *Amen*,  
*Amen.*

Oh my dear Husband ! praise the Lord  
 that ever thou hadst a Wife that was found  
 worthy to suffer for the Name of the Lord,  
 inasmuch as I can understand the moving  
 of the Spirit of God : My dear and faithful  
 Yoke-fellow, Sister and Friend, is worthy  
 to be embraced of all friends for ever ; the  
 deeper the sorrow, the greater the joy ;  
 the heavier the Cross, the weightier the  
 Crown.

Crown. This was written in the Inquisition at *Malta*, of us

*Katherine Evans*

*Malta* 11th. Month  
of the year, 1661.

*Sarah Cheevers*

*From K. E. for two Friends.*

**D**Early beloved Brother in the everlasting Covenant of Light and Life, do I dearly salute and embrace thee; with thy dear Wife, my beloved Sister, and thy dear Children, whom I dearly love in that which never changeth: My dear and faithful Friends, I am often refreshed in you, when the Light brings you to my remembrance; then do I feel the springs of Love and Life, which ariseth from the pure Fountain of Eternal refreshments, to my joy and comfort, wherein I am made to praise and glorifie my God and your God, who hath redeemed us out of the Chains of darkness, and Kingdom of blackness, into the everlasting brightness, glory, joy, and perfect blessedness for ever, to dwell in the enjoyment of his living presence, as we abide faithful to Eternity; in his presence

Inquirence is fulness of joy, and at his right hand is pleasure for evermore.

My prayers are night and day without ceasing, to our Heavenly Father, that not one of his begetting may ever turn or slide back, but that every one may press forward towards the Mark of the price of the high calling in Christ Jesus, who is our Life and Glory, and so all may come to wear the Crown of Life and Immortality, triumphing in the everlasting Blessedness of the Heavenly Riches and Eternal Joy and Happiness, that's perfect for ever, Amen.

Oh! my dear Brother and Sister, we are all Children of our Father, begotten in the everlasting Seed of the Promise of Eternal Life and Salvation. Oh my precious Friends! wait patiently with me, always in the pure Fear of the perfect and pure God, who hath an eternal Treasure, full of everlasting Riches, and ready to distribute them to all his dutiful Children: Glory and Praises be given to his blessed Name for ever. Oh my Beloved ones! your love to me is written in the Records that cannot be lost.

Dear hearts, glorifie our God in my behalf, that ever he counted me worthy to suffer

suffer for his Name ; I hope to see your faces again ( yet once more ) with joy and gladness, with my dear yoke-fellow in the Lord's Work, before we go hence, and be no more seen. So in the tender bowels of pure Love, do I take my leave of you at this time. The everlasting peace and blessedness be upon you, and upon the whole Israel of God, *Amen.*

Dearly salute us to all Friends.

This was written in the Inquisition  
at *Malta*, in the 11<sup>th</sup> month of the  
year, 1661.

*Katherine Evans.*

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*There was another Letter ( and Paper )  
which was intercepted ; but I have it  
not here with me, it being sent home from  
Légorn. Yet here followeth more of  
their Writings to Friends, and to my  
own particular, which at several times  
I received from them, unknown to their  
Oppressors.*

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*A Copy*

*A Copy of a Letter that I was moved to write the next day after I came to the Island and City, and communicated to their hands.*

**D**EAR Lambs, Peace be unto you, *Amen*.  
 Now seeing that the Everlasting God and Father of all Truth, hath in his tender love, fatherly mercy, and bowels of compassion ( through the tryals of manifold sufferings and temptations ) hitherto, even to this day, upheld and preserved you in the Innocency, and its Testimony against the contrary ; although sometimes ( I know that ) you have tasted the sentence of death in your selves, and even ( as it were ) ready to despair of life ; yet in the living Testimony of Innocency, in the answer of a good Conscience, I *Daniel*, bear you Record in the Covenant of Life, the same remaineth with you, and you are in a good sweet savour to the Lord, and his Eternal Truth and People. Oh ! blessed for ever be his Name , yea, and my very heart and life bleseth and magnifieth the Lord on your behalf.

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Wherefore my dear Friends, be faithful, full of Faith, and the living invisible God of Peace is with you, and will not forsake you, seeing it is so ; and much more you know which might be declared.

Oh ! I am moved in the Bowels of my Father's Love, as one with you ( in tryals, and the exercise of manifold temptations ) to stir up your pure and innocent minds by way of remembrance, and also to beseech you to take heed to the Testimony of Life that's undefiled, and manifest in you, and to dwell in the same which retains the Joy and Comfort of the Lord, and his Peace, which you know is not of the World ; and so to watch and beware of the Enemy that is near to tempt to make shipwreck of Faith and a good Conscience, and to despair, and so to betray not only your own innocent long-sufferings, but also the Testimony of the Lord God of our Life, for which you have so long suffered, and by the pure Divine Vertue of the same have you been to this day preserved ; so that the Lord ( who is and will be your reward ) hath not been wanting to you on his part. Oh faint not, but lift up your heads, and be faithful still, as I am not otherwise perswaded concerning you ; and I am well

perswaded

perswaded that in his own Covenant and Way, Deliverance will come to the Seed; and ye know, if the same come not in his own Covenant of Truth, in the Light of his Countenance, it cannot be well; but *your nay* (you know) *is to be nay*, and so to stand in the Truth, against the contrary, whatsoever our God permits-unreasonable men to inflict upon the outward or visible body; and the same also will work for his Glory, and also for the Good and Eternal Peace of his innocent suffering Lambs notwithstanding.

Your tender Brother, D. B.

**A**Nd when this, with other Papers, I had (through not a little difficulty) communicated to their hands over the heads of our Enemies, I was moved to speak my Message, as from the Lord of Life, to them, after I had offered up my body, and to lay down my Life for these poor Innocents, my dear Friends; and so with my voice I saluted them in the Lord's Truth, as they stood at the Prison-Grates, with these words, in the behalf of the general Assembly of the Saints in light, to

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wit, *The whole Body of God's Elect, right dearly, owneth your Testimony, and you are a sweet savour unto the Lord and his people :* And forasmuch as one of these poor afflicted Lambs replied, and said on this wise, as if it was a trouble to them that they could not be more serviceable. Then my heart being melted, and my bowels of pity, mercy and compassion, being moved, I said, That it was a wonderful mercy of the Lord, in as much as they were preserved in their own measure of Truth, and pure Innocency, for which my heart praised the Lord for what mine eye saw, which right dearly affected my heart; and we were well refreshed at that season, in the sweet presence of our living God, albeit, our bodies were at a distance, but so as we could behold each others face through the Prison bars of Iron, in the Inquisition.

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Now for so much as in the Wisdom of God it is seen meet, that the fore-mentioned and following Writings which came from their hands, might appear to publick view, that thereby every Member of the one Body may have a right understanding, and not only so, but also a sensible feeling,  
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not only of the tryals & sufferings in part of these innocent Lambs, but also, of the Consolations of each other, as fellow-Members of the infinite Body of which Christ Jesus the Lord is both King and Head; in whom be endless dominion and pure glory, and eternal salvation, *Amen.*

And so I being as it were contrained to publish the acceptable Words, that sound and savor of pure innocency and clear truth, for the Elect's sake; in the same Love and Life I am the more free hereunto, even as a Child, that differs but little from a servant, as I am in the Fathers Love, Power and Grace of Life, fitted to serve the undefiled Life of the least in the Kingdom of Blessedness, and to administer comfort, or what else I have received from the Eternal Fountain or Fulness, for the use or service of either body, mind, soul or spirit, of my own flesh or family, seeing no man ever hated his own Flesh; and he is worse than an Infidel that provideth not for his own Family, especially them of his own House.

*This is a sweet Salutation to God's Elect  
Church in England and Ireland.*

**R**ight dear, precious and Heavenly  
Ones, whose Beauty shineth bright,  
and at whose Name the hearts of the Hea-  
then do tremble : We, who through the  
everlasting Mercies of our God, are Mem-  
bers of the same Body, and are held in  
strait Captivity, and hard Bondage, for  
witnessing forth the same Testimony and  
Covenant of pure Light, Life and Truth  
of our God, with you dear and faithful  
Ones indeed ; *We* here in the same Cove-  
nant of pure Love, and bowels of tender-  
ness, do dearly salute and imbrace you all,  
glorifying and praising our eternal Father  
for you all, who hath counted us worthy  
to partake of the fellowship and sufferings  
for the Bodies sake, with you in tribulati-  
ons, fiery tryals, manifold temptations,  
fastings, watchings, heats and colds, and  
cruel threatning and persecutions; perils  
by Sea, and perils by Land, standing in  
jeopardy of our lives year after year, and  
looking every hour, day and night, for ma-  
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ny Weeks together, when we should be brought out to Execution; but though Proclamation was made, and they came up to the very Gate with a Drum and Musquets, to fetch us out to destroy us, yet the Lord God of everlasting strength, who in the deepest of all dangers, and greatest extremity, when all hopes were past, did but blow upon them with the breath of his nostrils, and they did fly as dust before the Wind; for which we do intreat all Friends to glorifie our God on our behalf; for never did the Lord our God work greater Deliverance for any, than he hath done for us from time to time, who are the least and weakeſt, for what we know, that ever the Lord our God ſent forth in ſo great and weighty a work: but all things are poſſible with him, who made and created all things; It is he alone which carrieth on his own Work by his own mighty Power, and the glory ſhall be his own for evermore, *Amen.*

Oh our dearly beloved Friends, did you know but the third part of the Afflictions the Lord our God hath carried us through, you would ſay, The Lord hath wrought as great a Miracle in our preſervation, as ever he did in raiſing *Lazarus* out of the

Grave: And in the greatest of our afflictions, we could not say in our hearts, Father, would thou hadst not brought us hither, but cryed mightily to our God for Power to carry us through whatsoever should be inflicted upon us, that the Truth of our God might not suffer through our weakness: And the Lord did hear us, and answered us in righteousness, and carried us on with all boldness, and made our fore-heads as Flint, & our brows as Brass, in the faces of our Enemies, that whensoever we were brought forth upon tryal, all fear was taken away, that we stood as Iron-Gates, and Castle-Walls in the faces of our Enemies, so that they said, *we would faine be burned*; but we answered, No; we would not willingly be burned; but if our heavenly Father doth call us to suffer in that kind for his Name sake, he will give us power to go through it: and we have great cause to believe it; for our Lord God never called us to do any service for him, but he gave us power, and made way for his own Work; glory and praise be to his holy Name for ever.

Dearly beloved Friends, marvel not why Israel is not gathered in all this time; it is not for want of labour, nor travel, nor  
grief,

grief, nor pain, fasting nor mourning;  
 nor weeping, nor love to their souls; but  
 it is because of the great Oppression. For  
 here are a willing people, but they dare  
 not until the Lord make way for them.  
 Truly Friends, we have not been idle  
 since we saw your faces, nor have we had  
 much ease to the flesh, but do travel night  
 and day for *Sion's* prosperity and perfect  
 joy, and for the reputation of *Jerusalem*,  
 and her pure praise; though our sorrows  
 are deep, and our afflictions grievous, yet  
 we do wait with patience to reap the peace-  
 able fruits of righteousness, and enjoy  
 the benefit of our uprightness; Praises  
 be to our God for ever, he hath kept us  
 by his power and holiness, that our Ene-  
 mies have not one jot or tittle against us,  
 but for the Truth of our God; and that we  
 could not joyn with them; so they would  
 not suffer us to have one line of refresh-  
 ment, but stript us out of all, so that we  
 could not expect one drop of mercy, favour  
 nor affection, but what our heavenly Fa-  
 ther did distil upon us from his living pre-  
 sence, and work for us by the operation  
 of his own Arm of strength and power.  
 But dear Friends, though a long Winter,  
 and many sharp and terrible Storms have

past over our heads, so that we cannot express our Sorrows ; so likewise we cannot declare our Joys. Oh ! in the midst of all our afflictions, our God did draw nigh unto us, and did speak comfortably unto us with many sweet and precious Promises, and did never suffer his faithfulness to fail us, nor was he wanting unto us in Visions and Revelations. Oh ! how doth he appear in his Glory, Beauty and Brightness, so that our souls are ravished and wrapped up with his living presence and glory many times, so that we do not dare to look out at our long-sufferings nor tryals, but do press forwards towards the fulness of Joy and Blessedness, which our eternal Father hath prepared for all them that love him, and walk in obedience to him ; and we know, the deeper our sorrow is, the greater our Joy shall be ; and the heavier our Cross, the weightier our Crown, as we abide faithful : And we do believe, that neither principalities, nor powers, nor sufferings, nor imprisonment, nor persecution, nor life nor death, shall be able to separate us from the Love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord and Saviour, *Amen.*

Dearly beloved Friends, though our bodies are bolted up in the Rocks & Caves  
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of the Earth, yet our spirits ( you know ) none can limit nor confine to any place. And we do behold your order and stedfastness of your Faith, and Labour of love, and are daily refreshed in all the faithful-hearted. Oh dear hearts ! the remembrance of the least of you is precious. Oh ! the Rivers of tears that have distilled from our eyes, whilst we do think upon you, for joy, because of your growth and flourishing in the Truth. Oh ! you are Virgins indeed, who have Oyl in your Vessels, and your Lamps burning, and are clothed with the long white Robes of Righteousness, and are adorned with the Ornaments of pure beauty and glorious brightness (abundance of you) to our joy and comfort ; and we do pray night and day, That every Babe of our Heavenly Father's begetting may prosper, even as we desire our own souls should prosper ; and that every one may be kept out of incumbrances, and use the World as if they used it not ; but every one's mind, spirit, heart and soul, may be exercised in the Eternal, by the Power of God, out of the earthly, and out of the visible, out of the carnal and perishing things of this life (so as to trust in it) into the heavenly, into the spiritual, into the invisible,

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invisible into that which never changeth, fadeth nor waxeth old, where every one may dwell in the enjoyment of the presence of the Lord; for in the presence of the Lord is fulness of joy, and at his right hand is pleasure for evermore. Oh, that every one may be emptied of your selves, and unbottomed of your selves; that you may build wholly upon the sure foundation, and anchored so fast upon the Rock of Ages, that neither the swelling Seas, nor the foaming Waves, nor stormy Winds, though they beat vehemently, may ever be able to remove you. Oh dear Brethren, in the life and power you may feel the issues of Love and Life, which stream as a River to every soul of you, from the hearts of us that are wholly joyned to the Fountain; Glory and everlasting Praises be given to his holy Name. Our whole souls, spirits, hearts and minds; are given up to serve the Lord in whatsoever he requireth of us, as he shall make it manifest unto us: And we do blesse his Name for ever, that he hath found us worthy of so high a calling, as to bind Kings in chains, and Nobles in fetters of Iron. Our prayers are continually for the advancement of the Gospel of the Lord Jesus throughout the

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the whole Earth, for the gathering of the Seed of the Elect of God, and for the raising of it up over the Seed of the Serpent, in power and great glory, to bear rule, and to have dominion over the whole World; that the Kingdoms of this World, may become the Kingdoms of our Lord Jesus, that he may rule in his Princely Power, and reign in his Kingly Majesty, whose Right it is; that the knowledge of the Lord may cover the Earth, as the Water covereth the Sea; that all the Children of the Lord may be taught of the Lord, and be established in Righteousness; that for the Mourners in *Sion* may rejoyce, and the heavy-hearted in *Jerusalem* may be right glad: The Lord God of Power hasten it for his own Name's sake, and for his Elects sake, that lye in captivity under the hands of the dark powers of the Earth, either spiritual or temporal; *Amen, Amen*, saith our spirits.

Dear and precious Friends and Brethren, pray for us, that we may finish our Testimony to the glory of God, and to the praise of his holy Name, and to the comfort of all that love his appearing, and to our own eternal salvation, and to the shame and confusion of all that hate the Lord Jesus,  
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and persecute his Truth. So in the pure Unity of the Covenant of Light, Life, Peace, Love, and everlasting Righteousness, do we take our leaves of you all at this time, hoping and believing we shall see your faces once again, before we go hence, and be no more seen. Dear Friends, pray for us.

Though we were in many straits and hardships by reason of the oppression; yet whilst our minds were staid upon the Fountain, we saw no want; but our tender Father, whose heavenly eye was ever over us, saw our necessities, sent his right dear and precious Servant, and just and faithful Steward, *Daniel Baker*, to administer to our Necessities both spiritual and temporal; he came not in his own time, will nor strength, but in the Will and Time, Strength and Power of the Almighty God; at whose presence the Mountains were removed, the tall Cedars were made to bow, the strong Oaks to stoop. Oh wonderful! He went to the Lord Inquisitor (the Popes Deputy) to demand our lawful Liberty, which would not be granted, unless he and we would write to *Messana*, or *Legorn*, to some *English* Merchant, to be engaged for four thousand Dollers: Which Proposition

on being out of the Covenant of Light, we durst not stoop to it ; but our dear Brother in Christ Jesus offered his body for our Liberty, but it would not be granted ; nothing would serve but one to engage for four thousand Dollers to be paid, if ever we come into these parts again. Then in obedience to the Lord he offered up his Life for our Freedom, but all would not serve ; the Will of our God be done.

Oh dear Friends ! greater Love was never heard of, than for a man to lay down his Life for his Friend : Oh ! it is worthy to be recorded in remembrance of him for ever ; here he came up and down to administer to us with his Life in his hand, time after time. So the Lord God of Power reward him double into his bosome for ever. Oh ! how did he refresh our souls, spirits, minds and bodies through great trials, which is never to be forgotten.

*Written in the Inquisition at* Ka. Evans.  
*Malta, in the 11th Month* S. Cheevers.  
*of the year, 1661. By us,*

Who have suffered for the living Testimony of Jesus, and his pure Innocency, in Bonds, Tryals and Tribulations, more than three years, to this day.

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*A short Relatiou of some more of their  
exceeding great Tryals and Tempta-  
tions.*

**N**OW in short time after we were taken  
Prisoners, we were stung with Flies  
called *Muskatoes*, in our faces & our heads,  
as we lay in our Beds, that were swollen  
as if we had the small-Pox, so that all  
people were afraid of us, save the *English*  
Consul; they thought we had been unclean  
persons, so that a Friar told *Sarah* he saw  
an evil Spirit in her face, which was a great  
tryal; they could not sleep in their beds  
in the house, they were so tormented; and  
we were told, that they had seen them that  
did pray and preach every day, were burnt  
for Witches in a short time; and they  
would keep us to see our lives & conver-  
sations; and so they have: And glory be  
to our God, they cannot lay guilt to our  
charge, but are made to confess the Truth.

In a few dayes after we were there, in a  
Vision in the night, the Lord appeared to  
me, and shewed me, that round about us,  
and

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and above and beneath us, there were many Magicians of *Egypt*; and the Lord smote me, and said unto me, *The Devil hath desired to winnow you as Wheat; but pray that your Faith fail not.* And the fight was very dreadful and terrible; and the Voice of the Lord did awake me with much trembling and amazement, and a great War, for the space of twelve hours, before I could get the victory; and we did witness but little ease to the flesh night nor day. We went in obedience to the Lord to one of their Tower-Houses, in time of their Worship, and stood trembling in the midst of them; and I was made to turn my back to the high Altar, and kneel down, and lift up my voice in prayer unto the Lord; and he that was saying Service, drew off his Surplice, and kneeled a little beside us till I had done, and he reacht forth his hand to us, to come to him, and offered me a token; and the Lord shewed me it was the Mark of the Beast; and I refused it; and he put it into *Sarah's* hand, and she gave it him again, and shewed him her Purse, that she had to give, if any had need. And he asked if we were *Calvinists* or *Lutherans*? And we said, *Nay*. And he asked if we would go to

to *Rome* to the Pope? But we denied. And he asked if we were *Catholicks*? And we told him, We were true Christians, the Servants of the living God. And many of them were amazed, and came round about us; we having but little of their Tongue, gave our Testimony (for the Lord) in words and signs, as well as we could; and they were made subject to the Power at that present, praises be given to our God, and we departed in peace.

Wee went & saw them at the Mass. And since that, the Lord laid such a heavy burthen upon us, that we did question what he would do with us, before we knew the mind of God in it. And upon a set-day they had a great Meeting to take their holy Sacrament (as they call it) in a high place; but we knew nothing of it, nor where it was, but what the Lord revealed to us: And we were made to go in, and stand in the midst; and there were many lights in divers places, & many Christs, as they call them, and much costliness and abominations of the Earth; they had so many sorts of holy Garments (as they call them) of so many colours, that it would make one wonder how the Devil did invent it. And there we were made to stand in the midst for the space of three parts of an hour,

hour, as near as I can judge, in great power, trembling and quaking, and bitter mourning, so that they were all amazed, and some removed further for fear, but knew not what to do; for I never did witness such an Earthquake. In the end one came soberly, and spake to us to go forth; and we went in the Lord's time, and sate at the door trembling and mourning, to the astonishment of them; and being so overcome with their Abominations, we went along the street reeling to and fro, and staggering like drunken men, so that we were a wound to all that saw us: It was the wonderful Power of God that made way for us to go forth to them, and kept us. They have used all the Craft they have day and night, to inchant us, as the Lord hath made it known unto us; Glory and praises be to his everlasting Name for evermore. We know that there is no Inchantment against *Jacob*, nor divination against *Israel*.

Dearly beloved Friends, We dearly salute you all in the invisible Life of our God, who is our life, our peace, our stay and strength; under whose Shadow we are refreshed; praises, glory and honor be given

ven unto his powerful Name; of all his,  
for ever.

Truly Friends, we are not able to declare the large Mercies of our God, vouchsafed unto us from time to time; his Hoim is our Strength, and his Name our strong Tower in all our troubles, temptations, trials and sufferings; he is a God at hand, and not afar off, and doth make us sensible before-hand; by Visions and Revelations; what is coming upon us; and doth arin us with his own Armour, and makes us as bold as Lyons; for we fear not the face of man, because we know we shall not suffer any thing but what shall make for the glory of our God: But truly we had fainted long ago, had not the Lord upheld us by his free Spitt; but we know the Lord taketh care of the least of them that trust him; Praises be unto him for ever. Dear Friends, though we be absent in body, yet we are present in spirit, and do feel you in that which cannot be separated, as we abide faithful, and are much refreshed in you; and the remembrance of you is precious unto us: Oh, that all our Friends could prize the company and the sight of each others faces. We do not want the company of Friars, Jesuites and Magistrates,

gistrates, nor great women. Here are some that have breathings after Life, but they dare not shew it ; for the same thing that was, is ; they will not enter in themselves, nor suffer them that would.

The Lord Inquisitor sent to us, That if we would (being we are good women) we should go into the Nunnery amongst the holy women, and be maintained as long as we live, in regard we have denied the world, and all that we have. And the Friar told us, if we would come to their Masse-house, and receive their holy Sacrament, we should, be the most eminent Catholicks in all *Malta*. But we denied them in the Name of the Lord, and all their dead foppery which they have invented. Here we are kept under the Inquisition, as they say, till they have Orders from the Pope of *Rome* what they should do with us.

We beseech you all, faithful Friends, pray for us, for great are our tryals : Did you but know the Abominations that the Devil hath invented here, you would think it were tryal enough. But here we have cruel mockings ; and the same contradictions, tryals and temptations that ever the Servants of the Lord had, and Christ himself. It is the wonderful Power of

God that we are preserved till this time ; for all the whole Island are Papists, and given up to Idolatry. We are despised of all People, and abhorred of all Nations ; and because they cannot have any just thing against us, they do invent lies against us : but the Lord is on our side, for else the Enemy would soon destroy us ; for great is their rage ; and we have continual war with them, night and day we feel : behold their threatnings and cruelty is more than our tongues can express. Great is the love of our God, for he doth refresh us with the sweet drops of his mercy, and doth water us every moment with the everlasting springs of his Love, or else we had fainted long ago.

Oh ! let all who know the Lord, praise and glorifie his holy Name for ever and ever, *Amen.* Dear Friends, farewell in the Lord.

From us who are in outward bonds in the City of *Malta*, for the Testimony of *JESUS*, Glory be to his Name for ever, who hath counted us worthy. We are in health at present, blessed be God.

*Ka. Evans.*

*Sa. Chevers.*

*Several*

*Several other Writings to D. B. whilst  
he was in MALTA.*

**O**H thou tender-hearted one, whom our God and our eternal Father hath sent to relieve us his poor innocent Lambs, in hard bondage, and deep captivity, which thou art an eye-witness of; none can receive or discern it, but those that do see it: But our heavenly Father, who hath respect to the rest of them that believe in his Name, hath sent thee to be an eye-witness in some measure, of what we have undergone.

Oh my dear, precious and endeared one! thou meek Lamb, thou innocent Dove, who dost bear the likeness, beauty and brightness of that unspotted One that is come in the Volumn of the Book to do the Will of God: We can give in our Testimony for thee, that thou camest here in the Power & Authority of the Most High, to which the tall Cedars were made to bow, and the strong Oaks to bend; praises, praises be given to our everlasting God for evermore.

Oh my dearly beloved Brother, thy beauty shineth indeed, thou art all glorious within and without; thy Garments are perfumed with all delightfom scents; We smell the sweet Odours thereof, and do feel the fulness of Love and Life which runs from thy tender heart day and night to us, and in the same Unity of *Love* do our hearts stream forth to thee, as thou knowest full well: Oh how have our hearts and bowels been melted for thee! our heads and eyes have run with tears, and our souls have been poured forth to our heavenly Father for thy preservation, and we did truly labour to see thy face before thou camest: *Glory and praises be given to our Eternal Lord God, Amen*, saith our spirits; that he doth vouchsafe us so great a mercy, as to behold the face of so precious a Friend. We do beseech God to moderate us with his Eternal Spirit, that we may alwayes be mindful of his mercies, and never to let his benefits slip out of our minds. We have been near death many times, when we had none to come near us, but those that preached death and destruction to us; I have lain twelve dayes, *fast* or more, in a fast, in strong travel night and day, that my dearly beloved Yoke-mate

mate would have been glad if the Lord would have taken me out of the body, because of my great affliction.

Then the English Friar which was here, came up and down to us, and would say to my Friend, *She is ready to depart; send for me, and take notice what tormentt she will be in; a thousand Devils will be about her, to fetch her soul to Hell, because she will not be a Catholick.* And after we were parted, we were called to fast, so that my Friend was so weak, that she put on such linnen upon her head, as she thought to lie in in her Grave: We did eat but little in a month together, when our money was almost done, till we did know the mind of the Lord what to do. Then thy did run to and fro like mad men, and the Friars did come and say, The Inquisitor sent them to tell us, we might have any thing we would eat; and they did say, it was not possible that ever creatures could live with so little meat for so long a time together. They did bring us meat, and say, the English Consul did send it. It was a glorious Fast indeed, the Lord did appear wonderfully in it, praises be given to him for ever, *Amen.*

We were very weak, because the power did work so strongly; I had no manner of food

in my body five or six days together; We did lie in our clothes, because we had no strength to put them off, nor one to make our bed: Then we did speak to the Friar, that we might come together; but he said they had no such order; if we would have a Physician, we might. And there we lay, none knowing from morning to morning whether we were dead or alive. We were kept quiet and still till the Lord's time was come; they brought many things for us to eat: Then the Lord said, **Thou mayest take as freely as if thou hadst laboured for it with thy hands; I will sanctifie it to thee through the Cross.** And he said unto *Sarah*, **she should eat of the fruit of her hands, and be blessed.** And we did eat, and were refreshed, and glorified the Lord; We did cry mightily unto the Lord night and day, that we might not eat nor drink to offend him, we would rather dye. The Lord was well pleased with our Sacrifice, and did increase our strength, and administred comfort to us; honor and glory be to his blessed Name for ever. In the lowest of all our conditions, we were kept a top of all the mountains, so that they could not make us shrink or bow one jot or tittle to any of their Precepts or

Com-

Commands. Yet the Friars have commanded us in the name of their god to kneel with them in prayer.

The time is too little for me to disclose the twentieth part of the terrible tryals; but whensoever we were brought upon any tryal, the Lord did take away all fear from us, and multiplied our strength, and gave us power and boldness to plead for the Truth of the Lord Jesus, and wisdom of words, to stop the mouthes of the gain-sayers, that they would be made to say, We spake Truth; they could never say otherwise: But they would say, *We had not the true Faith, but we had all Virtues.*

Oh dear heart! if it be our Eternal Fathers good pleasure to carry thee away without us, we do beseech our heavenly Father to bless, and give thee a prosperous return, and to feed thee with the fulness of the blessing of the powerful Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ, *Amen.* And we do believe we shall not want thy prayers, nor the prayers of all the Faithful, that we may keep faithful to the end; so that our God may be glorified, his Church and People may be refreshed and rejoyced, and we may receive our Reward with the rest of the Lord's Lambs.

Our

Our Life is with thee; for oh! thou art full of Love, thou tender-hearted one, who hast offered up thy sanctified body, and purified life, in obedience to the Lord, for us poor afflicted Lambs with thee, and companions in tribulations, trials and persecutions, and in perils at Sea, and perils by Land. Oh thou precious Lamb of God, great is thy reward in Heaven; great will be the Well-spring of joy that will arise in thee, in thy Journey: Oh thou happy one indeed! whom the Lord our God hath made choice of amongst his faithful Flock, and endued with so much power to come into such a place as this, not the like in all *Europe*; by their own report, and all others, and to stop the mouths of Lyons, and to trample upon the heads of Serpents, Scorpions and Vipers of the Earth, and they could not hurt thee; their stings are taken out of their heads, and out of their tails; Glory, Honour and everlasting Praises be given to our God for evermore, of all that know him, for he is worthy.

And the Lord bless thee and thine for ever *Amen*, and encrease thy strength, and multiply thee abundantly in every good Gift and Grace, and prosper all thy undertakings,

dertakings, that thou mayest be approved for ever before the King of Saints, in the General Assembly of the Most High, and stand before the Throne of his Majesty with joy unspeakable, and full of glory; *Amen, Amen,* saith our spirits.

Dearly beloved pray for us, that we fall not, nor fail, whereby our Enemies may have any advantage to rejoyce, and say, We served a God that could not save us, and called upon a God that could not deliver us; as if we were like them, to call upon stocks, stones, pictures, and painted walls, and dead things, that cannot see, hear nor speak through their throats. We do beseech thee to tell all our dear Friends, Fathers and Elders, the Pillars of the spiritual Building, with all the rest of our Christian Brethren, that we do desire their Prayers, for we have need of them.

**H**ow strong and pow'rful is our KING  
To all that do believe in him?

He doth preserve them from the Snare  
And Teeth of those that would them tear.

We that are sufferers for the Seed,  
Our hearts are wounded, and do bleed,  
To see th' Oppression, Cruelty  
Of men; that do thy Truth deny.

*In Prisons strong, and Dungeons deep,  
To God alone we cry and weep :  
Our sorrows none can learn nor reade,  
But those that in our path' do tread.*

*But He whose Beauty shineth bright,  
Who turneth darkness into Light,  
Makes Cedars bow, and Oaks to bend  
To him, that's sent to the same end.  
He is a Fountain pure and clear,  
His Chrystal Streams run far and near,  
To cleanse all those that come to him,  
For to be healed of their sin.*

*All them that patiently abide,  
And never swerve nor go aside ;  
The Lord will free them out of all  
Captivity, Bondage and Thrall.*

**L**ET E. C. know, that his Exhortations I do dearly imbrace, and do witness it to be an eternal Truth. I have had large experience of it, the Lord hath carried me on in much difficult service; so that many times the way hath been stopt up, that to the eye of Reason I could not have a way made either by Sea or Land : Oh ! if thou didst but know what experience I had of the mighty hand of the Lord in making a way, thou wouldst wonder. Once my way was stopt, and my persecution was

so hot, that I sate in a Field, all night to wait upon the Lord, to make way for me to do the work he laid upon me : I could not get lodging for money in the Town nor City; it was at *Salisbury* where I was whipt in the Market. And the next morning I went through the City by the Watchmen, and they took no notice of me. Wheresoever the Lord did send me, into what Land, or City, or place soever, if they did put me out never so oft, he would make me go till I got victory; save in the *Ile of Man*, there was a Souldier came to my Bed side with a naked Sword, and took me by the Arm, and hall'd me out of the Bed at the tenth hour of the night, and carried me on Ship-board : When I put on my clothes I did not dare to rise. That place lies upon me yet; and I have motions to *Edinburgh* in *Scotland*, I was never there. The Lord did make me to do him service to almost all the mighty men in *England* and *Ireland*, insomuch that I cryed oft to my God, saying, Lord, what wilt thou do with me that am so foolish, to go to such wise men! If I were wise, I did not care if thou didst carry me to the end of the Earth. The Lord said, The foolish things must confound the wise; and he would carry me before

before the mightiest men in all the earth,  
to bear his Name before them, and I  
should have victory wheresoever I went :  
And I do believe the Lord, and we both  
are made willing to wait the Lord's time,  
which is a time of peace and joy, safety  
and happiness. And we do bless, laud,  
praise and magnifie his holy Name, that he  
sent so heavenly a Messenger to relieve,  
strengthen, comfort and refresh us in our  
great necessity; which is a mercy beyond  
expression; all Friends that do understand  
it, will say so : Glory and everlasting  
praises, honour, power and dominion be  
given to our eternal Lord God for ever-  
more, of us, and all that know him. *Amen,*  
*Amen*, saith our Spirit.

Oh true and Faithful Brother, into the  
Arms of everlasting Power and Holiness,  
Strength and Mightiness, Purity & Right-  
eousness, I do we commit thee to be kept  
and preserved, and prosperously carried on  
in thy Journey : The powerful blessing,  
peace, joy and happiness of the Majesty of  
the Most High God go along with thee, to  
preserve and protect thee for ever. *Amen,*  
*Amen*.

Pray for us, dear Heart, that we may re-  
ceive strength to overcome, that we may  
sing

sing the Song of *Moses* and the Lamb,  
and the Redeemed of the Lord, *Amen.*

Dear Heart, it is hard for us to part with  
thee; thou wilt feel it.

The Will of our eternal Father be done:  
In the pure Unity of the blessed Spirit of  
Light, Life, Joy, Peace, and everlasting  
Glory do we here take our leave of thee  
at this time, hoping to see thy face again  
with joy in our Lord's time.

O dear Heart! our hearts, souls, spi-  
rits, and our whole lives go along with  
thee.

The pure Peace of our God rest upon  
thee, *Amen.*

Dear! salute us to all Friends, for  
they are dear and precious to us indeed.

*Farewel, farewel, dear Heart, farewel.*

*Dear Heart,*

**T**Hou hast cleared thy Conscience to-  
wards us in the sight of God and man;  
if here had been many Friends, what could  
have been done more concerning us than  
thou hast done? Thou hast stood in great  
jeopardy ever since, and thy life hath been  
sought

sought for much ; We have felt it, and cry-  
 ed night and day to our heavenly Father  
 to preserve thee, and safely deliver thee :  
 Whatsoever we do suffer, we desire the  
 if y<sup>e</sup> lord do. Will of our heavenly Father to be done in  
 stir up the all things. If the Lord doth stir up the  
 Earth to Earth to help the Woman, it is his own  
 help the free love ; and upon that account we shall  
 woman receive it, and not upon any other.

This they spake concerning the Money I  
 left with them, and for their necessities :  
 And the Lord did appear unto me in a Vi-  
 sion of the night, and smote me on the arm,  
 and said, **Look, there is the Pope, he will  
 not hurt thee** ; where he stood in the room  
 as one forsaken of God and man ; this was  
 at the English Consuls, when there was  
 some fear upon me concerning him. Now  
 here is a *Roman* in the Prison which came  
 hither upon some account, he is a Doctor  
 of Law, and differs from them in many  
 things ; but they are all of one spirit : He  
 doth constantly affirm, that the Pope hath  
 sent an Order to set us free ; and he saith,  
 they are liars and false blasphemers, if they  
 do say the Pope sent any such Order as they  
 speak of. They do meet every day con-  
 cerning us, we do feel them ; some would  
 have it one way, and some another, and so  
 they

they cannot agree, because they do act contrary to the Will of God; the Lord sets it all on fire, and hath burned all that they have done these three years concerning us. Now where they will look a Reward of their charges, we do not know; *the wise are taken in their own craftiness, and the subtle in their own snare.* There have twelve of them sate in Judgement upon us three years, and some have struck hard at our lives, so that we have been even at deaths door. I have lain very weak three weeks at a time. There are many for us, as far as they do dare. The Lord sayes, there were two with the Inquisitor for us, and did plead much with him: I did see it in a Night-Vision. The English Consul which is dead, was with us two several times after we were in the Inquisition; he said he would lend us five pounds when we did want: but when our Money was near done, we were made to rejoyce greatly, and could not take any of any one. We did not know the mind of the Lord in it; but had we had Money, we had not known the mighty Power of God. Now we are able to trust the Lord where-ever he shall carry us without money. We do question the Money in the Consul's hand,

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it will be hard for him to part with it. Our  
life is with thee.

*A few Lines to D. B.*

**O**ur dear and faithfull Friend and  
Brother, begotten of our heavenly Fa-  
ther, right dear and precious in his sight, and  
beautiful before his presence. Dear Heart,  
we do glorifie our God in our hearts, souls and  
spirits, who hath called, chosen and elected  
thee to come up to the help of him against the  
Mighty; and hath carried thee along in so  
weighty a work, and hath prospered thee there-  
in; praises be given to his blessed Name for  
ever, who hath inclosed thee in his Bosom and  
Chamber of his Everlasting Love, and hath  
hid thee in his private Pavillion, where them  
that would hurt thee cannot find thee, because  
of the shadow of his Almightyneß, under whose  
defence thou art kept safe; and he doth carry  
thee upon the Wings of his Power, so that the  
Mountains do become plain before thee, which  
we do clearly see in the Light; Eternal Ho-  
nour and Glory be to his Name for ever, who  
is called Wonderful Counsellor, the Mighty  
God, the everlasting Father, the Prince of  
Peace, in whom we have fellowship, and uni-  
ty one with another, and none can hinder.

Dear

Dear heart, we do dearly embrace thy sweet Exhortations, thou being sensible of the instigations of Satan, who hath winnowed us with every bait, winding and twining sleights that he hath: Praises be to our God for ever, who hath perserved us, and prevented him.

The Enemies being busie with their Temptations, to have us enter into their Covenant, thereupon I was moved to write these following words, which I communicated to their hands with the former Paper, viz.)

**B**Ehold the Word of Life arose in me, saying, (this morning) **Keep to Mea and Day, & I will confirm my Covenant unto thee.** These Words were spoken to the true Seed that shall inherit the Kingdom; the same (you know) is but one in Male and Female. And so the blessing of my Life rest upon you, and be with you in the same, even in that which hath no end, neither fadeth away; yea, and my Spirit saith, *Amen.*

Dear Lambs, read within, & be refreshed, and the God of Life & Peace encrease the same, & multiply your strength abundantly, *Amen.*

Malra, 10th d. 11th m. 61. D. B.

Another Paper from them  
to my hand.

**D**ear and precious heart; in the Eternal Covenant of Light and Life of our God, do we salute thee, and dearly embrace thee. Oh! what hath the Lord made thee unto us, far more precious than we are able to express; and great will be thy Reward for thy faithfulness to the Lord, and thy dear and tender Love to us, and thy diligent care of us. Oh! thou art the Messenger we have cried long for, to our Heavenly Father, saying, How long, O Lord, How long will it be before thou wilt send thy Messenger, whose feet are beautiful, coming upon the Mountains, bringing glad-tydings of great joy to us thy poor Captives? Now hath the Lord our God answered us at large; Praises, Praises be to his Name for evermore.

Oh! how are our souls refreshed, and our spirits supported, and our hearts comforted, our minds rejoiced, and our bodies strengthened; thou canst never do greater service to the Lord our God, than to come into such a place as this is, to offer up thy dear Life in ransoming us; Great was the Power that brought

brought thee, and great is the Power that doth uphold thee, and mighty is the Strength which doth preserve thee, and great will be thy Reward: Thy labour of Love we do bear Testimony cannot be forgotten, nor thy Faith unfeigned put out of remembrance; it is written in the Book of Life for ever, and it will be registred and read in the House of Israel eternally: The mouth of the Lord hath spoken it, and he will perform it. Farewel in the Lord. By us,

Katherine Evans.

Sarah Cheevers.

**O**ur dearly Beloved, & precious Friend and Brother, right honourable indeed for ever: We dare not look out at thy departure, because we stand in the will of our Maker. The blessing of the Almighty be upon thee for ever, and make thee flourish in all thy endeavours; Thou art called by the Name of Daniel Baker; in the midst of thine Enemies, thou art in the hand of thy Maker: And this the Lord hath spoken, where-ever thou dost come, thy Glass shall not be broken, until thy Sand be run. Oh! this day is this

Propheſie fulfilled in our ſight : When they have done dealing treacherouſly, they ſhall be dealt treacherouſly withal ; the Lord doth ſteal in upon them ; Praises be to his Name.

Dear heart, ſalute us dearly to thy dear and precious Wife, with all dear Friends, in the Covenant of Grace & Peace. Dear heart, farewel, farewel.

K. E. S. C.

Another Letter from Sarah Cheevers, to Friends in Ireland, to be read among the Aſſemblies of Saints in Light.

**O**H! all ye righteous Ones, whoſe dwellings are on high, in the Fulneſſ of beauty, holineſs and glory, whoſe Name and Fame reacheth to the ends of the Earth, to the aſtoniſhment of the Heathen, and the amazement of the Ungodly ; to the preparation of all Nations to appear before the dreadful Preſence of our Lord God Almighty, to be ſtrippt of all false coverings, and to be left without excuſe : Glory and Praises be to our God for ever,

ever; Amen; who hath made us eye-witnesses of his mighty Work; and helpers together with you; according to our measures; to the chaining down of the Powers of darkness; and to the defacing of that painted Harlot, Mystery-Babylon, with all her Lovers, to the utter overthrow of Antichrist, with all his wicked Kingdom, Amen.

The day is dawning, the Sun of Righteousness is arising over all Nations, for to make a clear separation, to gather in his own Flock; and to scatter the proud in the imaginations of their own hearts, to feed the hungry, to heal the sick, and to bind up the broken hearted, to cloath the naked, to visit the spirits in prison, and comfort the Mourners in Sion, to cause the heavy-hearted in Jerusalem to rejoyce.

Oh my dear Friends! who are precious in the sight of our Heavenly Father, partakers of his Divine Nature, living Stones; and holy Assemblies; wherein dwelleth the fulness of God Almighty's Power and Strength, Riches, Glory, Wisdom, Counsel, Knowledge and Understanding; he is the Rock of Ages, the sure Foundation, the Ark of the Covenant of the Promise of everlasting Blessedness, Amen.

My dear and precious Ones, whom my soul loveth, my heart delighteth in you, and my

spirit rejoiceth greatly because of the excellency of God's Almightyness amongst you, so that you are a dread to the Nations; Kings, Princes, and mighty Men of the Earth shall bow before the Power of Almighty God; by whom we stand, and all shall be brought under the Foot-stool of Christ & his Government, and he alone shall reign in Righteousness; and rule the Nations in Judgement; then shall the cry of the Poor be heard, and the sighing of the Needy be eased, and the yoke of Wickedness be broken, and the Oppressed shall be set free; the Image of Christ restored, and the Image of that subtle Serpent defaced, destroyed, and utterly cast down for ever, Amen; so saith my spirit: Glory, honour, laud and praise be given to our Lord God Almighty, for ever, Amen.

A sweet Salutation is this, from the breathing forth of my pure Life, to the same Life; in my Spirit, joyning in my measure, a sufferer for the Seeds sake; Glory to the Lord, who hath counted me worthy: Farewel, farewel my dear hearts. My dear Yoke-mate K. E. dearly salutes all Friends.

Oh ye holy Assemblies! whose hearts are wholly joynd to the Lord, I with you, in the Life and Power of the Almighty God, do travel for the raising of the Seed, and the gathering

thering in of the lost Sheep of the House of Israel. Oh ! blessed be the Day wherein the Lord called me, and counted me worthy to suffer for the Seeds sake : Praise, praise the Lord for me ye blessed of the Lord, in whom the living Praises are found in the living Fountain of God Almighty, the Fulness that filleth every empty soul, in the Streams of Love, Life, Light, Strength, Riches, Immortality, and Eternal Glory. So Truth, Joy, Peace and everlasting Blessedness remain with you all for ever, Amen.

My Life is given up for the Service of the Lord ; Bonds, Chains, Belts, Irons, Double-doors, Death it self is too little for the Testimony of Jesus, and for the Word of God ; so the Seed be gathered, it is but a reasonable Sacrifice : Bonds and Afflictions betide the Gospel of Christ ; He that will live godly in Christ Jesus, must suffer Persecution ; it is an evident token.

My dear Friends, my Light, my Life, my Love hath perfect Union in the Eternal Spirit of the living God, and remains with you all for ever ; Fathers, Elders, Pillars, Nursing-Mothers in Israel, true Israelites indeed, in whom is no guile. My dear Salutation, and breathing forth of my Eternal Father's Love is to all the breathing Seed, begotten of the Heavenly

Heavenly Father; Peace, Mercy and Truth be multiplied among you all for ever, Amen.

Pray for us that we may have boldness over our Enemies, to fulfil the righteous Will of our heavenly Father, and be kept faithful in his Will, for ever, Amen. Streams of Love and Life flow from a living Fountain to you all my dear Friends; Our Love remaineth ever with you all, Amen.

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Present this to the hand of L. C.

**L** C. Thon Nursing-Mother in Israel, peace be to thee for ever, Amen. Thy dear Brother Daniel Baker, in the Covenant of Life, in obedience to the Lord, hath visited us, to the amazement of our Enemies, Glory be to the Lord for ever, Amen: He hath been a faithful Steward indeed, worthy to be had in remembrance in the Book of Israel for ever, Amen. Whatsoever for the Truth we suffer, our Reward is with us, and our innocent Life will clear us, Amen.

Written by me, Sarah Cheevers, a Prisoner in the Inquisition, for the clear Testimony of the Lord Jesus; This 11th. Month of the year, 1661. Now

**N**OW after I had received these Papers,  
 though not through little straits and  
 difficulty, with jeopardy of my precious  
 Life, which my God sweetly through all  
 preserved, Glory to his Name: my heart  
 was, as it were, overcome with the loving-  
 kindness and salvation of the living Lord,  
 and in his savory Life my mouth was filled  
 with thanksgiving and praises to my God;  
 and I said in my heart on this wise, Who  
 am I, O Lord, or what was my Father's  
 House, or what is the Land of my Nativi-  
 ty, that I (a poor afflicted and despised  
 Worm) should be raised up to see and  
 perceive what mine eye, mine eye in thy  
 Eternal Power and pure Life beholds!  
 Oh my God! thou hast known the inno-  
 cent travel of my Soul, which I right well  
 know the same is not hid from thee, even  
 from the day of my birth, unto this mo-  
 ment, through no small trials and tribu-  
 lations, and through the exercise of mani-  
 fold temptations; yet behold, my Life is  
 preserved at this time: And Oh, my heart,  
 my mind, my soul, my spirit, in thy pure  
 undefiled Life and Vertue, blese thy  
 Name,

Name, thy pure Name, which thy Virgins love and live in, and in the same they glorifie thy Beloved, and the Wings of thy Majesty overshadoweth them, and their delight is under the secret shadow of thy Almightyness, blessed be thy Glory, blessed be thy undefiled Power, blessed and magnified be thy pure Wiidom, and let the same be so even in the Tabernacles of the Just for ever. Thou Lamb of Immortality, the Thrones, the Kingdoms, and Eternal Dominions are thine, and over all thy Throne is, and shall be exalted, and thy Lambs behold thy Glory and thy Majesty, in this the day of thy terrible and glorious Appearance: Wiidom, Riches, Glory, Power, Might and Dominion everlasting (with Eternal Salvation) over all, to thy Name, *Amen*, faith my spirit, in the Life which is, was, and for ever shall be, the same which liveth and abideth for ever, and fadeth not away: In the same I commend thy dear tender Lambs, to be preserved according to the unsearchable Wiidom and Counsel of thine own heart, to thy everlasting Renown and Glory, and their Eternal comfort and joy, and felicity, with thy Saints and Angels in the Light of thy Countenance, and in everlasting remembrance

membrance in the powerful and Eternal Kingdom of Immortality, if I be no more in this World, when this body is gone to its place, according to thy Eternal Purpose and Decree, in thy Eternal Counsel; so be it, saith my spirit, yea and Amen saith my soul, which blesteth and magnifieth thy Eternal Name, inasmuch as thou hast so far fulfilled thy (living) Word of Prophecie, and not only so, but much more also in the desire of my heart, in the behalf of thy dear, tender, suffering, and long-suffering Seed of thine own Bowels; for which be innumerable Praises, Wisdom, Salvation, Glory and Dominion to thy holy Name, *Amen, Amen.*

**M***Y right dearly & well-beloved Friends of Eternal Life, of the Church of the first-born of the living God, which is the Pillar and ground of Truth, of which Christ Jesus our Lord is the alone and only Head: Peace be unto you in him, who is arisen in his pure immortal Life, and hath brought Life and Immortality to light, through the Word of his Power, and his Eternal Gospel of Peace, which is not hid from us, but it's clearly manifested in us by his coming, who ariseth with healing*

healing in his wings: Glory, Dominion, living, endless Praises Immortal to his Name, now and for evermore; and let all the upright in heart, with my precious life, say, Even so, Amen.

Dear suffering, and long-suffering Lambs, ye know, that as I came in the eternal Love and Peace of Immanuel, God's Lamb, to assist and serve you, and minister to your necessities; the which, in the same Life and Peace, and in the integrity and uprightness of heart, and in its pure innocency, my God knoweth; and behold, I call your Life that's manifest in you, in which is our perfect Unity as Members of one Body, to bear me record, That I have endeavoured in the good will of my God, to perform the same; and verily, the hand and Blessing of Almighty God is with me, and hath blessed me, and so my reward is with me, and my work hath been manifest before me, even in the Light of his Countenance that liveth for ever; and this Scripture is fulfilled in me also, The Father worketh hitherto, and I work.

So my dear Friends, I have honestly and nakedly, before the Lord, cleared my Conscience so far concerning you, & on your behalf, which is my reasonable service; and so I leave the same to the living Testimony of the Lord Jesus

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sus which you hold, and for which I am satisfied ( and in the behalf of the whole body of God's Elect you have so long suffered ) So the Eternal God of Power, Dominion and Glory, of Heaven and Earth, console, support and strengthen you to the end, that your Testimony may be finished with joy, to his everlasting praise, to whom only it belongs; and so my Spirit in the Light and Life Immortal, saith, Even so, Amen. Farewel dear Lambs, I am your true Brother,

D. B.

Joseph was not made known to his Brethren the first time, though his Bowels yearned towards and over them, till at last he could no longer forbear crying out with tears, saying, I am Joseph your Brother; and little Benjamin the youngest, he dearly loved you know.

This 5<sup>th</sup> day of the Week,  
and the 30<sup>th</sup>. of the  
11<sup>th</sup>. Month, 1661.

When my face you do not see,

Wait in the Eternal Life,

and then remember me.

So farewel, and feel the  
Well-spring of Life.

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This and many other Papers was communicated to each others hands, ( which are seen meet not to be added hereunto ) with the jeopardy of my life, and what else did attend us ; but magnified, and for ever blessed be the living Lord and his Goodness, Wisdom and Salvation, who prospered his Work and Workers in his own Life of lasting Righteousness, through and over self, over all that which must dye and go to its place, *Amen.*

*DANIEL.*

*Here followeth somewhat relating to the Travel and Service of D. B. which he hath freedom to give forth for the Truth's sake, and Friends satisfaction.*

**T**HE intent of the Spirit of the Lord within my heart and mind, stirring me up to write somewhat concerning my travel from my Native Country, Kindred and

and Father's House, being freely given up  
to serve the Lord, his Truth and People;  
in the Power and Gospel of God; I hav-  
ing no imposition or necessity at all laid  
upon my Conscience, as from any mortal  
man, but certainly it was a pure necessity  
from the living God of Heaven & Earth;  
many of his faithful Servants, Messengers,  
Sons and Daughters that were, and are as  
dear and precious to me as my own life,  
may bear me record on the Lord's behalf  
unto the truth of what I write on this  
wise; and surely in the Counsel everla-  
sting, the thing was hid from me then,  
whether ever I should return to my Native  
Country or not. However, in the love  
and favour of God, and in his fear set up  
within my heart, was I given up, with my  
body also offered as a living Sacrifice,  
which was but my reasonable sacrifice, to  
give a sound to the Nations afar off, of the  
mighty Day of our God, and his blessed  
Truth, the Light of Jesus manifest in eve-  
ry Conscience, in which Light we have  
most assuredly believed unto salvation.  
And verily the Power and pure Presence  
of his Eternal Strength was with me,  
through many hardships, trials and tribula-  
tions; the right-hand of the hiding of his

Power did sweetly guide, strengthen & support me, even as it did, and doth his Lambs whom he so sends forth as among Wolves, in his Dove-like Innocency, harmlessness and wisdom, which are as wise, or rather wiser than the Serpents. And this Scripture have I well witnessed fulfilled, whilst travelling from one Nation to another People, as my Father did in the ancient dayes. And on this wise, with three more Brethren, so freely given up with one consent in the behalf of the Gospel everlasting, that is now preaching again to the Nations, Tongues and Kindreds.

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We set forward the 16th. of the third Month, and we sweetly parted with our right dearly beloved Friends, Brethren, Fathers and near Relations, that were flesh of our flesh, and bone of our bone, and from all our outward Acquaintance and Native Country, in the Will, Love and Spirit of our God, in the same day from *Gravesend* we set forth; and at the end of forty four dayes, we arrived at *Legorn* in *Italy*, where we gave a certain sound of our innocent Service and Message of Salvation, and of its Life and Blessedness, coming upon the Nations as a weight either to condemnation or justification, as the same

same is received or rejected among them.

And thus as we had opportunity, among the men of our own Nation, the *Jews* and others, we gave a sound, and the blessing of the God of Heaven, and his Presence was with us; whether the Nations of men did hear or forbear; but the Witness of God in sundry was reached, and the same answered in us: And herein we are so far well satisfied, whilst others were hardened, who defied us and our Testimony, as their uncircumcised Fathers always did resist and gain-say the Truth that saves from sin, and so finally from its condemnation.

And it came to pass, after that we had waited upon the Lord to understand his good will and pleasure, he answered us in the joy of our hearts, and we received his Counsel, and communicated of the same to each others satisfaction in the love of God, which we were wel confirmed to obey the same until the death, as the Lord our God might have permitted for his Names sake, who then further ordained us to be separated, *viz. John Stubs and Henry Fell* to pass on towards *Alexandria*, and my dear brother and companion, *Richard Scothrop*, with me, to pass *Eastward*, to *Constantinople*, and *Smyrna* in *Asia*; and after a

little season we parted in the goodness of God. And when twenty four dayes were finished, having (in the mean time) touched a little season at the Island *Zani*, we arrived at *Smyrna*. But behold it came to pass, immediately at our coming, there was not a little stir, together with the evil surmizings, and what else arising up as a flood, with threatnings breathed forth from the Apostate Christians, especially men of no small degree (of our own Nation) against us, when *Turks, Jews, Greeks, Heathens*, and others, were not altogether so evil affected, as to let us from the exercise of our Conscience void of offence towards God and man, and so to hold forth the example of the harmless Life, and unblameable Conversation, in all equitableness in Doctrine, Life and Practice of what we professed in the midst of them. But oh! how the Christians (by name) in *Asia* (who should first have received the Word of saving-health) how did they defie and reproach not only us, but our living Testimony and Message of Blessedness, which day by day was sounded in their ears notwithstanding: The Lord God lay not what they did against us to their charge, when they have most need of mercy and peace.

peace with God, if happily; repentance unto life be witnessed by them, who know not what they did; yea, and my Spirit is ready to say, *Amen*, for their sakes that hated us without a cause; as the same unbelieving nature did our Lord and Master, whom we love, serve and honour in the same, and therefore keep his Sayings, which are not grievous to us in that one and the selfe-same Spirit, which reproves the World for sin, in which we worship him as the Father; the which guideth into all Truth, from all Evil; concerning which we well admonished their minds to subject to the One, and to avoid and turn from the other, each having their proper effects attending them, as anguish, woes, judgments & disquietments upon the soul and conscience that doth evil; and contrariwise, blessings, peace, glory, honor, and the goodness of God attending the soul of man which worketh good, in the Light of the same excellent Spirit of God which exerciseth the Conscience in temperance and sobriety, meekness and gentleness of Christ.

And on this wise we besought the men of our own Nation, together with many more in those parts, that they might become

a sweet savour of the pure Life of Christ and Christianity indeed and in truth; which tends to answer the Witness of the Eternal God, manifest in *Turks, Greeks, Jews, Heathens*, and Apostate Christians, among the dark Nations, where they have their conversation: Yet I am constrained to express somewhat of their manner of dealing with us to our good; Wherefore Men of reasonable and honourable understanding, may bear with me, to the end that the honest-hearted may be informed to beware of a persecuting Spirit, which is not of God, neither ever was it born of him. Their Threatnings encreased daily, and they burdened themselves exceedingly with us, whose Deportment and Behaviour they were made to confess to; as did the Consul and divers others; which in truth they could not say otherwise, but that it was temperate, innocent, harmless and unblameable in our Conversation; Magnified be the Lord; and blessed be his Grace of Life, by which we in submission to the same, were guided herein: But because our Testimony was not for, but against whatsoever might be said in truth to be evil; unjust, or unequitable (*which is dishonourable*) therefore were we hated of the  
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High and Loftry, to the difquieting of their own reft day and night; becaufe they burthened themfelves fo with the truth and innocency of the Lord's Testimony, which our Life held forth among them who received not the fame in his love, that they might be faved not only from fin, but alfo from the wrath to come. So they forthwith fent a Message from *Smyrna*, to the great City *Constantinople*, to the King's Embaffador of *England*, and befought him to expel us out from among them of *Asia*, that we might not have a Being in the extent of their Authority, in vifiting them on this wife, as by the annexed Warrant thou that reads the fame, may underftand.

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**VV** Hereas we are informed, that there is lately arrived with the Zant Frigot, one Daniel Baker, with his Companion, commonly called Quakers, with intention to come up to this Port; and becaufe we fufficiently have had experience, that the Carriage of that fort of People is ridiculous, and is

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capable to bring dishonour to our Nation; besides other ill conveniences that may redound to them in particular, and to the English in general.

We therefore will and require you to give a stop to the said Quakers, from proceeding any further in their Journey, either to Constantinople, or the present Court of the Grand Signior, (viz. the great Emperor of the Turks) or to any other place where our Authority extends, shipping them away either directly for England, or any other Part which they shall chuse to imbarque.

And we do hereby require all Officers and Members of the Factory, and Masters and Officers of Ships, to be aiding and assisting to you herein: And for so doing, this shall be your Warrant.

For our loving Friend, Anthony Isaacson, Esquire, Consul for the English Nation at Smyrna; By his Excellency's Command.

Paul Ricot, Secretary.  
Given under our Hand and Seal, at our Court at Paris, the 29th day of July (it should be August, for we were not in Asia in the Month called July) 1661. Winchell. 4.

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And forthwith this Warrant was dispatcht with a Messenger from the Embassador's Court at *Constantinople*, to *Smyrna*; and behold, the Merchants of the Earth; and others that could not endure to hear of the sound of Truth, received the same not with little gladness; (poor men! wo and alas for them!) the end of which will not be peace, but contrariwise; wo and misery: And they put the same Warrant in execution; and sent a *Turkish* Janisary, and a *Drügerman*; that were Officers under the Consul of the *English* Nation; and they came with *Harmols*, (*viz.* called *Porters*;) with *Cain's* Weapons, and fetcht us from our Lodging before the Consul; and the man was courteous and moderate, and had his ear open then to what we in the reverence and fear of the Lord then said unto him, which was his honor, who then saw over and beyond that foolish Ceremony of the Hat, neither did he burthen himself with the same, as many unwisely do, to the clouding or veiling of the nobility of a good Understanding, which hath a more noble respect to Equity, Justice and Judgement, without respect of Persons in them, where it is set up in its proper and peculiar Authority, than to such foolish Ceremo-

Ceremonies, which are below men of Wisdom; yet he desired that we might not take it ill as from him (in his place of Authority) in doing as he was obliged in the prosecution of the Warrant, which summoned all Officers and Members of the Factory, with Masters & Officers of Ships, to be aiding and assisting to surprize and banish two innocent, naked, harmless Men, that had neither Bow nor Sword, nor any such like material or visible Weapon of War to resist evil, as *Paul* and *Barnabus* had not, against whom the hard-hearted *Jews* cryed out with the same voice, *Help men of Israel, &c.* and such like stir there was. And we let the Consul know at our first coming, that we owned his place of Authority, and were ready to submit to any thing that was just or equitable; and at last, in this thing, we could not submit without suffering, forasmuch as in the uprightness of our heart, and in the innocency of the same, were we come so far to do the Will of God, and to suffer for it, as his hand permitted.

So with many other expressions I cleared my Conscience, as also by Words, Sufferings, and Writings, to the whole Nation there; and the Consul seemed to be

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unwilling to use violence against us, that at our departure we prayed for them that hated us without a cause, knowing not what they did; we seeing it could not at that season be otherwise, but what the Lord had permitted them to bring to pass, not to their justification, but as a Judgement among them from the living God, who did not onely dispence the visitation of his Love and Salvation day by day among them, but he visited them also with the strokes of his Displeasure, even unto death and destruction; and surely he smote and took away of the Chiefest, & others of them daily: And verily my heart often cryed, and besought the Lord for them in secret more especially, (though I was constrained not to cease uttering my voice openly among them, and for them) while they sought my hurt; as many of them, I know, by the Witness of God in them may remember. And so we were sent away as Prisoners, or rather as Lambs driven from the Dens of Lyons, or from the barren Caves of ravening Wolves, whose nature worried them.

Now we had spoken for a passage by a Dutch ship, to have gone from thence to Constantinople; but before the Ship departed

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ted *Smyrna*, the Warrant came to the Consul's hands, which thou mayest see came not from either them called *Turks, Jews, Heathens, Greeks, or Barbarians*, but even from the men of our own Nation. Alas! alas! yea, wo and alas for them.

So the Reader may see what a stir there hath been in the Region of *Asia*, against the appearance of Truth, and its Innocency, in plainness, to expel and banish it, together with its Message and Messengers, out of their Coasts or Borders; and not to have any entertainment, or at least to come within the extent of their Authority, whatever becomes of them, let them go where they will, &c. So as in effect they say, We will not have this man, the Light, Truth, Temperance, Innocency, its Life and Wisdom from above, to rule; or have its preheminance over us in our Consciences; we will rather chuse to live in the practice of our own evil hearts and ways: And therefore thus to their own hurt, they say unto God, Depart from us; Job 21. for we desire not the knowledge of thy Wayes; and as for the Word of the Lord, we have no delight in it. Lo they have rejected the Word of the Lord, and what Wisdom is in them? And such the

the holy perfect and upright Man saw rebel  
against the Light, and said, *They are of those  
that rebel against the Light, they  
know not the Wayes thereof, nei- Job 24. 13.  
ther abide in the Paths thereof.*

And so with consent they joyned together to banish Truth, its Message and Messengers of Peace, which provoked them to jealousy that believed not, who scorned us as fools, and what not else, not honestly considering, how that God is provoking the Nations to jealousy and wrath with a foolish People, as in the ancient dayes, Deut. 22. was prophesied. And such besought our Lord and Master, even Jesus, to depart out of their Coasts or Borders, who loved and fed their Swine upon the Mountains; even the *Gadarens* besought him to depart; who saith, *He that loveth Father or Mother, or what else, more than Me, is not worthy of Me*; and Father and Mother, and such Relations, are of more honourable esteem than many Swine. And to his Disciples he also saith (that was dead, and is alive, and liveth for ever) *As they have done unto me, so will they do unto you; if they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you.* These are his faithful and true Sayings; *He that receiveth*

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you, receiveth me; and he  
 John 13: 20. that receiveth me, receiveth  
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 soever receiveth whom I shall send, receiveth  
 me; and him that receiveth me, receiveth  
 him that sent me, &c. He that despiseth you,  
 despiseth me; and he that despiseth me, de-  
 spiseth him that sent me. And it's to be un-  
 derstood, that such like dealing J. S. and  
 H. F. our Brethren, found at Alexandria,  
 from whom they also were banished.

And on this wise being rejected, despi-  
 sed, banished out of Asia, from Smyrna,  
 in about eight dayes we arrived at the  
 Island Zant, where my dear Brother and  
 Companion in sufferings, and not only so,  
 but in the Kingdom & patience of Christ,  
 he was visited with sickness nigh unto  
 death; but the Word and Commandment  
 of the Lord ordered me to pass through part  
 of Italy, and my face was set towards  
 Venice; and we weighed the thing in the  
 fear and counsel of the Lord, and were  
 both given up in one to travel; yet it was  
 so, that the poor Lamb was not capable in  
 body to travel with me, by reason of weak-  
 ness; and he being fully perswaded and  
 satisfied in his own mind, that I was to  
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pass onward, in the tender Love of our God he did the more constrain me; I finding some unwillingness to leave him in that condition, which was not a little cross unto me: But in the heavenly Will and Peace of our God, and joy of the Lord, out of all visibles we parted asunder; and it came to pass, that he laid down his Body there in about two dayes after.

There being a Ship of *Venice* ready, I embarked on the same, and had a good Passage through the Gulf of *Venice*. After three Weeks were finished, was I admitted (together with the Ships company) to receive Product or Admission to come into the City, as their manner is; and there I continued about eight dayes as a sign and wonder among many, and gave somewhat of a sound of the Lord's Day (in truth) among them; and from thence I travelled to *Legorn*, and my face was as if it were set towards *England*, I being alone, as a Mourning-Dove in a desolate Wilderness: Yet it came so to pass when I arrived at the same Port or City, that the everlasting Love of my God did fill and overcome my heart, and mine eye right dearly affected the same; and verily the living Word and Commandment of my God

God sounded in mine ear, and mine understanding was quickened in the Spirit of Life from God; so that I was made willing, and not to rebel against the Heavenly Voice; [ And what if I testifie, that mine eye saw the Angel of his presence ? ] which was expresly for me to give up, and pass away from thence; to visit his long-suffering Seed of Innocency, shut up in the Inquisition, in the Isle of *Malta*, under the Popes Authority, and to communicate to their necessities; and verily the sweet Promise of the Lord entered and possessed my heart, and my God made my way prosperous; for in the Light of his Countenance he had often set these poor afflicted long-suffering Innocents before my face: Wherefore my body and mind was freely offered up as my reasonable service; to serve his Truth, & the least Member of it; and so to the death of the Cross, whereto I became obedient in uprightness of heart, as if I should never see the face of my Kindred or Native Country more. (a Vessel of *France* being ready to depart from thence East-ward) I embarked thereon for the Isle of *Cicilia* to *Masena*, and from thence to the Isle of *Malta* in a Vessel of the said Island; and in my passage

sage the Vessel did bear in to *Syracuse*, where *Paul* abode three dayes in his passage to *Rome* (after he had suffered shipwrack on *Malta*) and at *Syracuse* I abode five dayes, where I gave a sound of the Lord's Truth and Life: And so we immediately sailed from thence, and within twenty four hours we arrived at the Island of *Malta*; and within some hours after I came upon the said Island, I had admittance to the Pope's Lord Inquisitor, to whom I delivered my Message in the Italian Tongue, on this wise, *I am come to demand the just Liberty of my innocent Friends; the two English Women in Prison in the Inquisition*: And he asked, If I were related to them as a Husband or Kinsman, and whether I came out of *England* on purpose with that Message. And I answered, I came from *Legorn* for that same end; and he replied at last, They should abide in Prison till they dye, except some *English* Merchants or others that were able; would engage or give obligation for the value of three or four thousand Dollers, conditionally, that they should never return again into those Parts.

On this wise was his reply divers times, with the Consul and many others, together

and asunder ; but in the Name and Fear of the Lord God I withstood the same unchristian-like Demand and Cruelty, in the Word, Power and Travel of the Lord in his innocent suffering Lambs behalf ; albeit, they daily threatned me with their Cruelty and Inquisition of darkness, and followed me to and fro with their Officer and Black-rod, and the Pope's Deputy would have bound me, that I should neither speak good nor evil to any one while I was on the Island, as the Consul said, save to him ; neither to come to the Prison alone, except the Consul came also with me, or some of his Family at least ; But their Snares, Bonds and Covenants, in the Name of my God I defied, because the Spirit of Life from the Lord gave me dominion through sufferings in spirit, first, over their unjust dark Impositions ; yea, and in the same good Authority, in the innocency and uprightuess of thy heart, I travelled through, and over the darkness, over its works, and ceased not to publish the end of my coming, which they would not have known abroad, and the sound of Truth ; and its dread and fame struck terror in their hearts, that both high and wise, great Men, together with the popish Priests and

and Jesuites; Knights, them called of the Nobility, of the Pope's Dominion of *Spain*, and *France*, and of many Nations; they did not burthen themselves a little with my bodily presence, my clear Testimony and Friends in general, all which they defied and withstood, as it doth appear by the words of Truth in this Treatise.

And thus it comes to pass among the Nations, because we are not of this world, as our Life and Testimony also is not for, but against the same; therefore we marvel not if the World hate us, knowing its birth which is from beneath, earthly and sensual, persecuteth that which is from above, heavenly and spiritual; and so the Lord hath made me as a burthensome stone among them. My heart bleseth his Name that wonderfully preserved me: Yet some of them came to see somewhat of my Innocency.

About twenty four dayes I abode upon the said Island, they daily continuing their Threatnings against me as aforesaid; and many times attempted me to take my Passage to *Cicillia*, or to some parts of *Italy*, to produce the unreasonable and unchristian-like Obligation demanded by them; but in the fear of God I, with my dear Friends,

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withstood them, and they were freely gi-  
ven up, rather to suffer, than to hurt Gods  
Truth and People thus to gratifie them;  
who (as it doth appear) the Spirit of the  
Lord God of Truth, rules neither in Pope,  
nor in any of his Lords, Priests or Jesuites,  
that exercise such Lordship over the Inno-  
cent, long-suffering Heritage of the ever-  
lasting God. The time hasteneth, and be-  
hold it cometh to pass, that the weight of  
eternal Vengeance is coming over them,  
which the Man of Sin, and his Sons of  
Perdition will not be able to bear: For  
the doleful Cry of the Innocent, that sighs  
and groans with tears, hath long uttered  
its voice, which hath ascended into the  
ears of the Most High, who is higher than  
the Highest, yet hath he respect unto the  
needy, to uphold them, yea, and to such  
as are of an upright, contrite, lowly, and  
trembling heart: What if I should say,  
the God of Love and Long-suffering dwells  
in such? and verily their sacrifice is ac-  
ceptable in his bosom that liveth for ever;  
and I am a living Witners, that the sweet  
Testimony & innocent Sufferings of these  
his long-suffering Lambs, is right dear and  
precious in his eye, which is the Light of  
his Countenance; and so it is not other-  
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wife, but the same in oneness with his people concerning them.

And so in the endless mercy, blessing and peace of our God, we parted, and I came away with the love and peace of my God within my heart, having the answer and living testimony of a good Conscience; and in the wisdom of God brought away these their Words and Writings, which testifieth somewhat of their Sufferings and Faithfulness unto the Lord, his Truth & People, which I right-well know, cannot be shut out of the Record of Life eternal, unto which I bear Record again, that they have been, and are a sweet savour unto the Lord God of Faithfulness, and so their Reward, which attends the same, is not only with them, but with all the Sons and Daughters of truth and innocency, that are so travelling in their Long-sufferings, which are but light and momentary in competition to the eternal weight of Glory, which afterward is to be revealed in the same that suffered in all generations, even from righteous *Abel*, unto this day of our God; to whom be Wisdom, Glory, Salvation, and everlasting Thanksgivings and Dominion, for ever, *Amen*, saith my soul and spirit; even so, *Amen*.

And it came to pass in the third Month of the year, 1662. also after my God had well preserved me in my passage, and in his work and service from *Malta* to divers places in *Italy*, till I came to the Straits mouth (of the *Mediterranean Sea*) at the place called *Gibraltar*, it was the pleasure of the Lord God to suffer the Wind and Weather to continue contrary well nigh about thirty dayes, in which season I suffered many Trials and Tribulations in spirit, having little or no Rest in the same, because of the Vision and Words of the Everlasting, which sounded often up to my understanding, even as the roaring of a Lyon, which mine eye saw, and mine ear heard also [ in the year -- 61. when I was a Prisoner for the pure Word and Testimony of God and his Truth, in *Worcester City Jayl*, before I departed *England* ] and the place was the high Mountain of *Gibraltar*, that stands within the King of *Spains* Dominion, which was the subject of the Vision; and often as I cast mine eye upon the situation of the place, the pure Life and Power of God's eternal Presence did arise up in me, in the word of life, so that I saw clearly that some great exceeding weighty service for his Name and eternal Truths

Truths sake was to be done by me, which was so terrible and dreadful to me, when as I entred into reasoning, so that I was brought down even to the jaws of death in dust and ashes; and as *Jonah* turned his back upon *Nineveh*, the same temptation attended me also, to my wounding, before I could give up; for I fled often from the place to escape with my life from among such an unreasonable and bloody generation, and the Lord would not be intreated to let such a bitter Cup pass unfulfilled, but behold with the sound and stroak of his eternal Word, his Spirit of Life became awakened, quickned, and mightily revived in me, in his Wisdom, over all fear of the Nations of men; and the same brake through the snares and bonds, of death, and over destruction, and the true Seed that mourned, cried, *Not my Will, but thy Will be done, on earth as it is in heaven:* and so it was a hard thing to part with little *Isaac*, which is received again in the Covenant of promise of Life, and that was offered up which fled so often (but at last was caught in a thicket:) When the Ships of divers Nations attempted to pass through, but the God of heaven, whom the wind and sea obeyeth, suffered them not; but they

they knew not what the matter was which was revealed within my heart, as the displeasure of God was against them, to humble them also, as I told them often by words and writings to clear my Conscience; albeit, they strove, being perplexed in their minds, and attempted often, to wit, seven or eight times in about twenty one dayes, and could not pass but about two or three Leagues; and on this wise it happened, it would either prove calm, and then the currant would drive them back into the Straits again sometimes, and otherwhile Storms and Tempests would scatter them, as a figure of *Pharoah* and his Hoste of Egyptian darkness, so that the Chariot-wheels mine eye saw struck off, so that they drove but heavily, within and without; and at last I gave out among them, that God had service for me to do at that place, and my Life was given up to do his Will, if I never saw my Native Country, Kindred, or Fathers house at all any more; and therefore the pleasure of the Lord in his mighty Power had made me willing, & also gave me dominion through and over the Bonds and Snates of Death and Destruction, as it were to lay down my precious Life, that I may take it again, together

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together with the body, which through his  
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 iness, for his Truth and Names sake. Now  
 the heavenly Voice was often sounded  
 within my heart on this wise, saying, O  
*Jerusalem, cut off thine hair*, and further-  
 more to *gird sackcloth on my loins*; as to the  
 Prophet, *Jer. 7. 29.* and so I became o-  
 bedient in the singleness and innocency of  
 my heart, unto the God of Heaven, and of  
 my Life, as a dreadful Sign against the  
 whorish Church of *Rome*, and against all  
 her Heads & Horns throughout the world :  
 And I then signified to the Master of the  
 Ship, in which I was a passenger, how that  
 I did believe that God would soon give  
 opportunity for the Fleet of Ships to pass  
 away after this service of God was per-  
 formed ; and after I had used many per-  
 swasions, to the end that he might suffer  
 my body on that wise to be cast among the  
 wicked idolaters, lyars  
 and murderers, which are *Isa. 57. 20.*  
 like the troubled Sea : So  
 the Ship-master let my Body be on this  
 wise cast over board from the Ship, [ God  
 having provided a *Whale* to swallow up that  
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so it happened, that it was upon one of their called Holy-dayes, or Saints dayes, namely, the day called *Holy-Thursd*ay.

So I being cast on dry land, passed through their streets directly, until I came into the Mats-House, or Idolaters Temple, among the Idolaters, where I found the Frier or Priest at the High Altar, down upon his knees, in his white Surplice, adoring of the Host; ( which is a *Chalice*, or a piece of Bread, which they called the real Substance of the body of Christ, after their unclean spirit of darkness hath muttered some words over it, which they call *Consecration* ) and after I had stood a season viewing this Idolatry, with the indignation of the eternal God set up within my heart against the same, I turned my back-part upon the Priest, and his dead god, and dumb Idols, at the high Altar; and in the holy Commandment of Life eternal, my face was set towards the people and I beheld them a certain season in the power of God in which I stood; I saw the multitude of ignorant People upon their knees also, worshipping the dark inventions and Imaginations of their sottish Leaders, and blind Guides, and they know not what; and in the Lord's time (which mine eye

eye had a circumspect heed unto) I then spread forth mine arms, and stript off my Vesture, and rent the same from top to bottom, in divers pieces, and cast them from me with indignation; and then I took my Hat off my head, (which was the uppermost covering of the outside of a man) and cast the same under my feet, and stamped upon these things, and the nakedness appeared with the sack-cloath covering, to their astonishment; and then with a clear voice I sounded Repentance three times, & gave testimony as the sound of a Trumpet among them, that the Life of Christ and his Saints was arisen from the dead; and so passed away, sounding the same words of the Lord's Message, with Repentance, through the streets, as it were flying from the Idols temple; and from Idolatry; and Idolaters, until I came to the Sea side, and there was I moved to kneel down and pray, and give thanks to the living Lord, who had so wonderfully preserved me in doing his pleasure and good will on earth; and he suffered no man to touch or do me harm.

And the next day following the Lord God gave opportunity accordingly as I had let the Ship-master know I believed would

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and smote them with rebuke and astonish  
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thers Countenance was hid from mine ey  
and therefore was I troubled : Yet, *blesse*  
*are ye when you fall among divers Temptat*  
*ions*, saith one; and verily they were eve  
as thorns in my flesh, yea, as Messengers  
of Satan suffered to buffet me for a season  
even as the Servant of God witnessed, wh  
was wrapt up into the third Heaven : Wha

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me, lest I should be exalted above mea-  
sure, so that I was made to bow and fall  
upon my face, and cry day and night to the  
Lord of Eternal Life, that had respect to  
the tears of the Innocent, and bowed the  
strength of his Arm to support the Lowly :  
And so his Almightyness gave ear to the  
sighs and groans of my distressed state, and  
had respect unto the voice of my mour-  
ning, as a Dove or Pelican in the Wilder-  
ness ; and verily his Grace I found suffi-  
cient to save and preserve my Innocency,  
in its sweet life of holiness to the Lord,  
through all this, and that which letted ;  
Salvation to his Name, *Amen*. So his  
strength is made perfect in weakness, even  
so it is in truth, in which I set to my seal  
of my right-hand, that God is true, in which  
Life I give thanks to his Name of Power  
and Defence, the which over all Nations  
is to be exalted in the hearts of his Saints,  
as in the ancient dayes ; yea, and much  
more abundantly in the Light of his bright-  
shining Countenance, in which his eter-  
nal and excellent Glory, and pure dreadful  
Majesty, for ever hath his holy habitation ;  
to whom be endless Dominion, with Prais-  
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ses living and everlasting, over all, Amen.

Written in Newgate this 5th Month, the 18th day, 1662. where he suffereth Bonds, together with many Brethren of Truth, for one and the same Testimony of the Lord Jesus; not for evil-doing or speaking, but against the same. For we suffer because we cannot otherwise but meet together, in the Name and Fear of God; neither swear at all, neither by Heaven, nor by Earth, nor by any other Oath, Mat. 5. Jam. 5. 12.

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A Copy of a Paper which was written in the Spanish Tongue, and delivered the same day that I was upon the service, directed as followeth, viz.

For the Governor and Inhabitants of Gibleto, in the Kingdom of Spain.

**B**Ehold, behold, the great day of God is come, and of his wrath, and of the wrath of his Lamb is come, and the hour of his

his Judgements is come ; Wherefore, Oh Inhabitants of the earth, Repent, Repent, Repent, and fear God, and give Glory and Honor to him that made Heaven and Earth, and the Fountains of Waters : Wo, wo, wo to the Inhabitants of the Earth : And I heard another Voice from Heaven, saying, Come out of her my People, that ye partake not of her sins, & that ye receive not of her plagues. These are the words of the Power of Christ, that is contrary to the false Church.

Behold, behold, Plagues, Plagues, Plagues are coming upon the Church of Rome, and upon her Heads in England, and in all parts of the World : And the Woman which thou sawest is that great City which reigneth over the Kings of the Earth ; and he saith unto me, the waters which thou sawest where the Whore sitteth, are Peoples, Nations, Multitudes and Tongues, &c. — *Revel 17-18*

These Words, with a Paper in *Latine* with honest Words of Truth, was delivered with many more Scriptures in their own Language, that they may read, understand, repent, and cease from Idolatry, and from all Ungodliness ; that the Blessings of Eternal Life might arise through Judgments, and have room among the Nations

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ons, to the eternal glory and renown of  
the Lord God over all, who is blessed for  
ever, *Amen.*

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further Tryals, and how  
God at last by his Al-  
mighty Power effected  
their Deliverance, and  
brought them again into  
the Land of their Na-  
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**T**He second month the year 1662, at  
the time of their Feast called the *Re-  
surrection of Christ*; on the first day, we  
spake to the Keeper to buy us some mear,

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not knowing but we might have eaten it in the time of their Feast ; yet it had been laid upon us to fast most times when they did feast, which did torment them : for when we did fast in obedience to the Lord, they were greatly troubled : so the Keeper asked me, whether we would not eat meat to morrow, yea or nay ? I was smote that I durst not say, but what the Lord will we shall do. When the morning came there was a great Triumph amongst them, and there sounded a Trumpet near us, in reference to the *Lord Inquisitor* : Immediately the Word of the Lord came unto us, saying, *We must not eat Bread nor drink Water in three daies, nor I (K.) must not speak word in that time, but be silent and sit upon the ground in the Inquisition with very little clothes on ; nothing upon our heads but ashes, no shosen nor shoe on ; and the last day Sarah had nothing at all but one petticoat on ; and they kept much ado and said, we would more and go to the Devil, because the wind blew very cold. So in the end the Lord opened Sarah's mouth in Prophecie against their Superstition, Idolatry, and unclean conversation : they came wondring and look'd upon us, but could not tell what to say,*

for we were very dreadful to them. So the  
time being expired of our Fast, the Lord  
opened my mouth in praises, and with  
singing these Verses following.

*As* praise to him that hath not put  
nor cast me out of mind,  
Nor yet his mercy from me shut,  
as I could ever find.

Infinite Glory, Laud and Praise  
be given to his Name,  
Who hath made known in these our dayes  
his strength and noble fame.

Oh none is like unto the Lamb!  
whose beauty shineth bright,  
O glorifie his holy Name,  
his Majesty and Might.

My soul praise thou the only God,  
a Fountain pure and clear,  
Whose Chrystal streams spreads all abroad,  
and cleanseth far and near.

The Well-springs of Eternity,  
which are so pure and sweet,  
And do arise continually  
my Bridegrooms for to meet.

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My sweet and dear beloved one,  
whose Voice is more to me  
Than all the Glory of the Earth,  
or Treasures I can see.

He is the glory of my life,  
my joy and my delight,  
Within the bosome of his Love  
he clos'd me day and night.

He doth preserve me clean and pure  
within his Pavill'on,  
Where I wish him should be secure,  
and saved from all wrong.

My soul praise thou the Lord, I say,  
praise him with joy and peace;  
My spirit and mind both night and day,  
praise him; and never cease.

O magnifie his Ma'estic,  
his Fame and his Renown,  
Whose dwelling is in Sion hie,  
the glory of his Crown.

O praises, praises to our God,  
sing praises to our King,  
O teach the People all abroad,  
his praises for to sing.

A Sion Song of Glory bright,  
that doth shine out so clear,

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O manifest in the sight  
of Nations far and near;  
That God may have his Glory due,  
his Honour and his Fame,  
And all his Saints may sing anew  
the praises of his Name.

And after I had sung, the Lord commanded me to go to the Well in the Court, and drink Water the first thing I took: So in obedience to our tender Father and God of health and power, we went and drank much Water in the sight of the Prisoners; we were very dry, and they cried out in their language, saying, *We would kill ourselves, and go to the Devil.* S. washed her head in cold water, and we never had so much as the stuff in our noses. After that they did admire and said, *It was the Lord that did command us and preserve us; if they should have done so, they should have died.* So the Lord was glorified, and we were comforted. And many a time were we made a dreadful sign and wonder to them, that it can never be forgotten; Praises, praises to our God who wrought it in our hearts.

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For the hands of our right worthy  
and beloved Friends.

**R**ight dear and precious Friends, in the  
Eternal Truth and Covenant of Life  
and Immortality, yea Right Honourable  
indeed, who are strong in the Lord, and  
in the power of his might, Peace, Love  
and Salvation, with whom my soul is re-  
freshed, nourished and cherished day by  
day; and my spirit is supported, and my  
heart is comforted with the Well-Springs  
of Eternal Life, that stream from the Foun-  
tain and Rock of Salvation, for which my  
soul doth truly magnifie the God of Life,  
that giveth Life, with you my Eternal  
Friends according to my measure, in which  
I dearly salute and imbrace you in the  
heavenly unity of divine vertue; Praises,  
praises to our pure, holy, and wise God  
and Father of the Eternal Fulness of all  
Blessedness, who doth give me of the same  
richly to enjoy, so that I do mount up with  
wings as an Eagle, and do run and am not  
weary, and walk and am not faint, because  
I do see of the travel of my soul, and am  
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satisfied the Glory is the Lord's, whose mighty Power doth the work ; yea, everlasting praises, laud, honour and dominion to the Lord of lords, King of kings, over all Scepters, Thrones, Tongues and Languages, for ever to rule and reign, world without end, *Amen*, and *Amen*.

O precious and wel-beloved Brethren, Fathers and Elders, the Pillars of God's spiritual Building ; whom my soul right dearly loveth ; yea, verily, the Lord our God hath not raised, renowned, honoured nor exalted you higher in the heart, mind, spirit and soul, in any one member in all his whole Body, than he hath in me according to my measure ; the God of my Life and sweet Salvation doth know that you have been and are in my thoughts of right dear remembrance, so that my life hath not, neither doth it seem dear to me to save you harmless ever since I first saw your faces. God Almighty bless and preserve you out of the hands of unreasonable men, and encrease and multiply his whole Church and People in strength, life and power, and add unto you daily such as shall be saved, and number in his *Israelites* indeed ; in whose mouths there is no guile, out of every Kindred, Tongue and Nation,

Nation, both *Jew* and *Gentile*, bond and free, so many as are appointed Heirs of Eternal Salvation, *Amen, Amen*, saith my spirit. And the Lord keep you all in the Power, Dominion and Authority over the Heathen, and all the dark Powers that do corrupt the Earth for ever, *Amen.*

Oh dear and worthy Friends, I can do no less than put you in remembrance of our gracious Deliverance out of the *Inquisition*, in our eternal Father's own time and way, and according to his own will; none wrought it but himself, that he alone may have the Glory, Honour and Renown of his own mighty Work, in the hearts of you and all the faithful-hearted, and from Sea to Sea, and from Island to Island; yea verily the Voice is gone forth to the ends of the Earth, to the praise, honour and glory of the strength of our powerful Lord God; and here is our joy, and here is our Glory, and here is our Crown, that our pure, holy, perfect and wise God is magnified. And is not our Joy, your Joy, and our Crown your Crown? yea really, I know it cannot be otherwise; For if one of the members of the body do faint or fail, or break or start aside, it causeth a breach or defect in the whole body: So

likewise, if one member do prosper in his measure, be it never so small, I know the whole body is strengthened, refreshed and comforted; and we know you all delight in us, and rejoyce over us, even as the Bridegroom rejoyceth over the Bride; I do behold it in the Light of Righteousness, and receive the benefit of it in the bright shining Countenance of our everlasting Father's Love: and our souls do magnifie the Lord of Life and Glory, and our spirits do sing for joy, that ever we were found worthy of so high and honourable a Calling, to bear the Name of our pure, perfect Redeemer before the High and Mighty of the Earth, and to suffer so long time under them, for our pure living Testimony of the pure holy Life of Innocency; Oh! praises, praises to our God everlastingly world without end, *Amen,*

*Amen* and thus you may see that I was not idle in my journey, but I was very diligent in my duty. In a short time after our gracious Deliverance out of the *Inquisition*, the Lord committed great Judgement to me to pronounce against the City, saying, That I must prophesie yet once more in his Name, and give it out in writing. The Cross seemed very heavy, but I did not

dare to look at it, but was obedient to the heavenly Voice, and writ the Prophecy.

**O** All ye Heads and Rulers, Princes and Governours of Malta, hearken to the Voice of the Lord. The 25<sup>th</sup> day of the sixth month, called August, the year 1662. near the tenth hour of the day, the Word of the Lord came unto me, saying, Thou must prophesie yet once more in my Name to the Heads and Rulers, Princes and Governours of Malta, the aforesaid City, and prophesie saying, Thus saith the Lord God of power, who made Heaven and Earth, the Seas and all things that are therein, and is the Preserver of all mankind, especially of them that do believe in his Name; My wrath is kindled against you, and my Judgment is set up amongst you, because of your hard-heartedness and unbelief. I the Lord God, who desire the death of no man, but that all should return unto me and live, in tenderness and love to your souls, I cast in my Servants yet amongst you, contrary to their wills, and out of their own knowledge, to go and forewarn you of the evil that I was bringing upon you, with line upon line, and precept upon precept, of my undeniable Testimonies, and unfailable Truths of the glorious and powerful Appearing of my blessed Son the Lord

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Lord Jesus Christ the Light of the World, in  
 thousands of my Saints and People, in this the  
 great and mighty Day of my Power, for the  
 destruction of Sin and Satan, and all the works  
 of darkness, all manner of iniquity and un-  
 cleanness in this Nation, and in all Nations  
 and Countreies throughout the whole Earth;  
 for all the Wicked shall be brought to Judge-  
 ment, that which is pure may arise to  
 rule in the hearts of people; and I will over-  
 turn, overturn in all places, till I have re-  
 stored Judges as at the first, and Counsellours  
 as at the beginning, men of perfect hearts and  
 upright spirits, fearing my Name, doing the  
 works of Equity and Justice to every one with-  
 out respect of persons, like unto faithful Mo-  
 ses and righteous Samuel; and will establish  
 my beloved Son upon his Throne, and he shall  
 rule in his Princely Power, and reign in his  
 Kingly Majesty, whose right it is over all,  
 and his own Spiritual Government shall be set  
 up in all places, Righteous Rulership and pure  
 Worship in Spirit and in Truth; and there is  
 nothing that can prevent the Lord, who saith,  
 If ye will not hear my Servant which speaketh  
 my Word, whom you have proved almost these  
 four years, whose life hath been harmless and  
 spotless in pure Innocency amongst you; then  
 will I bring Wo upon Wo, and Judgment upon  
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Judgment upon you, till the living shall not be able to bury the dead ; my mouth hath spoken it, and my zeal will perform it : and every man's hands shall be upon his loins for pain ; for the day of Recompence is come. But if you will hear my Servant which speaketh unto you in my Name, and return in your minds to the Light in your Consciences, which convinceth of all sin, and wait upon me in pure silence, holy fear, dread and awe ; and deny all evil thoughts, words and actions : then will I pour out of my Spirit upon you, and will make my wayes known unto you, and will soon cure you of your diseases, and heal you of your pain.

This have I written in obedience to the God of all Power, whom I truly serve in spirit and in truth, according to my measure. O dear and noble Prince and People, receive it from the Lord, and not from me, and prove the Prophecy in the Spirit of meekness, as you are wise and sober-minded men, without rashness or hastiness, in the fear of the Lord God that gave you life ; and see whether I have prophesied in mine own name, or in the Name of the Lord ; if in mine own name, the things I have prophesied of will not come to pass ; but if in the Name of the Lord,

Lord, then they will come to pass daily one after another.

This have we prophesied ever since the time you call *Christ's Resurrection*; as we have been moved of the Spirit of the Lord, and delivered it to the *Consul* to take it to the *Grand Master*; with the rest of the Heads and Governors. The *Consul* threat-

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ened me with the Prison again. The Lord said, **Fear not, I am thy God.** And in a few days after the Lord uttered his Voice, and manifested his mighty Power in great Thunder and Lightning, so that it set on fire one of their Powder-houses, being near a mile out of the City. It was in the eighth month, the eighth day of the month, in the night, according to their account; and the wind of the Powder blew down another Powder-house, a quarter of a mile from it, but the Powder was preserved; and it did great execution in the City, as they say, it blowed down five Houses, and broke most of the Glass Windows of both Palaces; and all the Merchants Windows in the City; and the Magazine where the Merchants Goods were; the Doors were blown out of the hooks; and the Walls shaken and torn; and the whole City was terribly shaken,

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and the doors of the houses drew up, so that great fear fell upon them all; and we heard a great shreem in the City, it was at midnight, and they rung out their Bells; and there was a great Glass Window in the Chamber where we lay, over right our Beds-feet, it was very thick Glass, and much of it was broken to pieces, and beat in on each side of our bed, but the Lord did not suffer any harm to us, the glory is his own. The House was so shaken, that we did exceedingly fear and quake, but it was taken from us in a moment of time, and we gave up unto the Lord to live or to die; and we had great joy and peace in the Lord. And when it was day the Consul came to us, and asked of us whether we were not dead, because we were still and quiet; and while he was speaking, there came in one after another declaring what was done in the City; and he told us how all his Chamber doors were drew open, and what great fear he was in, and all the States in the City: he said the Ships in the Harbour had some harm too. There was never the like known in that place they said. We answered them, saying, *One Wo is past, and behold another Wo cometh quickly, if you do not repent: yet they repented.*

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pented not of their blasphemy, rebellion,  
 hard-heartedness, nor unbelief, but they  
 ran up and down to their fathers the Sor-  
 cerers, Inchanters and Wizards, and they  
 soon piec'd them up again. There were  
 many of the Friars did dwell near the *Con-  
 sul's*, and we did see their running to and  
 fro; and in few dayes after *Sarah* was cal-  
 led to fasting, and to baldness, and to strew  
 ashes upon her head, and to sit upon the  
 ground with her upper parts naked for  
 some time; and the Power of the Lord did  
 work mightily in it, and they were amazed  
 at it from the greatest to the least; and the  
 Lord opened her mouth, and she spake to  
 the *Consul* to tell the *Grand Master* to pro-  
 claim a Fast, and to meet together to wait  
 upon the Lord, with their minds turned to  
 the Light; for the Lord called for Repen-  
 tance; and for fasting and baldness, and  
 girding on of sackcloth, that so he might  
 turn away his righteous Judgments from  
 them; for the hour of his Judgments was  
 come; wherein the Painted Harlot should  
 be stripped naked, and a Cup of trembling  
 should be given her from the hand of the  
 Lord; and many did die of a violent Fea-  
 ver; and we were much exercised in fast-  
 ing; and the *Consul* went forth with the  
 news

news amongst the Magistrates, and they talked with the Friars, and they told them we had a good intent; and in a short time after the *Inquisitor* sent a *Dutch Friar* and one of the other; the Lord had prepared us for their coming; and when they came the *Consul* called us before them, and so he talked a little while with us, and he said, *we had a good intent; but the Devil had deceived us.* We asked him, whether the Devil could give power over sin, yea or nay? He said, *the Devil could transform himself into an Angel of Light.* We answered him, we did know he could, but he could not hide himself from the Children of Light: but they that were in the dark could not discern him. He was not able to hear us, nor to stay in the room, but the *Consul* did stand up against us, and accused us to him falsely before our faces, as we made it to appear to him; and so they departed; and the *Consul* wrought desperately against us to get us into bondage again, but our God was with us, and seeing he could not prevail against us, to get us into Prison again, then he and his Confederates combined together how to cheat us of our Money. I do believe they received the Books before we came out

out of the *Inquisition*; for we received dear *Daniel's* Letter from *Legorn* that did mention them: We felt his workings day and night, he came subtilly to us, and told us he had wrought to set us at liberty, and the *Quisitor* and *Grand Master* bid him send us away by the next convenient passage; But now the Devil had sent Books out of *England*, and he said he knew not what to do with them, the Magistrates would not let us go; if they should know of them, they would say we would send more when we came to *England*; and he asked us whether we would receive them? We asked him, whether they were directed to us? he said, *No*. We bid him deliver them where they were directed, whatsoever we did suffer for it. He kept much ado and said, *If we would give a grandy Priest ten or twelve Scootes,* (which is near fifty shillings) *they would conceal them*. We answered, *Nay*, it was of the Lord, in love to their souls, he should deliver them up, and make good use of them that their souls might live. He raged at us, but said no more of that to us. *nothing more*  
 In a little while after there came a *Holland* Ship, which was bound for *Smirna*, and the *Consul* sent to us to come & speak with

with him, it was in the evening, I was going to bed ; I felt a filthy thing, and had no freedom to go to him, but Sarah went; yet he came to me and told me, *There was a Holland Ship bound for Smyrna, if we would promise him to stay there till he came back, he would call for us.* We told the Consul, we stood in the Will of God, and we could not promise any thing, unless we knew the mind of God in it. He was very angry, and said *we would dwell at Malta.* Now we told him, we did believe the Lord had appointed a Vessel to carry us, whether it was that yea or nay, we knew not ; we did not know whether that might come back in half a year ; and however we did not mean to hire a Ship on purpose to fetch us. We said he might send us in a Barque to *Mescena*, and there we might imbarque for *Legorn*. He said, *No; the Inquisitor said if we should go thither, we would preach God to the Roman Catholicks, and he did not love that ; and there was an Inquisition that did belong to the King of Spain, and though the Pope had set us free, yet he would take us Prisoners again.* We told him we would adventure that ; but he had an end of his own in it: he had much Annise to send to *Legorn*, and he would have had us

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to engage the *Flemen* to call for us to carry that too, that we might have paid part for the carriage of it; but our God had appointed a greater work for us to do which we knew not of.

In a little time after we were freed from the *Inquisition*, he told us *Daniel* took up an hundred Dollers, and he would have us send to *Mescena* for an hundred more. We told him, we had received no such order, and withal asked him what we should do with so much money, seeing we had money in his hands? and said, we would not send for money to keep us in bonds; and minded him of his Promise to dear *Daniel Baker*. He said *Daniel* could not redeem us out of Prison, but he had stood Cap in hand to the *Inquisitor* for us. That was true; if he had continued faithful, great would have been his reward; but he sought himself in it; and when his expected end was not answered, then he and his wife and servants were very bitter against us for Righteousness sake, in so much that we stood in great hazard of our lives; many a time we did feel their slaying Instruments drawn; so that we had even the sentence of death in our selves, but the Lord prevented them, and preserved

served us, and great was our travel of soul  
night and day: the glory is the Lord's,  
whose mighty Power did the work: ever-  
lasting praises, honour and dominion over  
all to our pure, holy and perfect Lord God,  
world without end, *Amen.*

Now for the satisfaction of all Friends  
concerning our deliverance out of the *In-*  
*quisition*, this is a true and brief Relation:  
Three quarters of a year before *Daniel Ba-*  
*ker* came to *Malta*, the *Consul* for the *Eng-*  
*lish* came to us, and said, the *Inquisitor* sent  
him to know if we would be *Catholicks* yea  
or nay? We answered, we were true *Chri-*  
*tians*. He said, if we would be *Catholicks*,  
we might dwell at *Melita*, or go to *England*.  
We said we were the Servants of the true  
and living God. One of the *Magistrates*  
said, we were not *Christians*, neither had we  
the *Cross of Christ*. We answered, we were  
*Christians*, and had received the Spirit of  
Christ which made a *Christian*, and he that  
had not the Spirit of Christ was no *Chri-*  
*stian*, and we had the *Cross of Christ*:  
without the *Cross* there was no *Salvation*:  
the *Cross of Christ* is the Power of God  
unto *Salvation*, to every one that belie-  
veth.

He said; If we would not be Catholicks,  
 we must suffer long Imprisonment by the Popes  
 Order: That was not true, I had an An-  
 swer in my Conscience against it. And in  
 a little time after they told us, if we would  
 kiss the Cross we should be freed out of Pri-  
 son, and go to the Consul's till a convenient  
 passage did present to carry us for England;  
 for the Pope had sent word they should take  
 it into their consideration, and set us free  
 for England, without doing any violence, as  
 we heard, and we did believe it, be-  
 cause we had a more sure word of Prophe-  
 cy than did use to proceed out of their  
 mouths: we told them we could not kiss  
 the Cross to get our liberty, neither did  
 we desire our freedom on any such terms;  
 but we looked every day when they would  
 call us forth to kiss the Cross, and we did  
 pray and cry mightily to our Eternal Fa-  
 ther to prevent them in it, and to preserve  
 us out of it; for the Tempter was very  
 strong within and without, so that I took  
 little rest for many dayes and nights, see-  
 ing the great danger it would plunge us  
 into; for I saw the painted walls, and the  
 Crosses set before me, but the gracious  
 God of power, who did appear in our Af-  
 flictions, and revealed his Will to me in a  
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Night-Vision, saying, Touch not, taste not, handle not, but wait diligently upon me : you have two things yet to work over before you can be set at liberty. We knew the Cross was one, but we knew not what the other was.

The next time the Consul came, he told us that the Inquisitor said, If any one would engage for three or four thousand Dollers to be paid if ever we came thither again, we should be set at liberty, but he said no more of the Cross ; but the Obligation was the second thing that we were to work over, but I could never see, nor dare desire any man to be engaged for us, because I do know all Decrees, Laws, Tyes, Bonds and Chains, and Precepts of men must be broken through the righteous Decree of our mighty Lord God, and upon the same consideration we were made willing to wait, till the Lord should break this Chain also, that no other dear Friend or Lamb of God might suffer for the same thing ; no, God forbid.

Then it pleased the Lord to send Daniel Baker, who in obedience to the God of Heaven did offer up body for body, yea life & all for our liberty, but could not be heard ; but the Inquisitor said, If any would

engage for the payement of three or four thousand  
 s<sup>ill</sup> Dollars to be paid if ever we came there  
 again, we should have our liberty; but other-  
 wise we must die in the Prison; for that was  
 the Pope's Law: but we knew it was left  
 to his consideration, so we told them we  
 could not engage, nor desire any to en-  
 gage for us, because it was out of the Co-  
 venant of God, and our year was year, and  
 our day was day; and we did not believe  
 that ever it was the mind of God that we  
 should return thither again: So Daniel  
 departed in the Love of God; and they  
 sent to England to Friends, and to other  
 Islands to the English Merchants, for some  
 to engage for us, that we might have our  
 liberty; but the Merchants sent word they  
 were not willing to answer their unrea-  
 sonable demands, for the payement of so  
 many thousand Dollars, if in case we re-  
 turned thither again. There were many  
 that did seek for our liberty, that were not  
 of us, because they knew our cruel and  
 strait bondage and terrible afflictions, and  
 were willing to engage what was reason;  
 but because our just and wise God would  
 make his Power known for his own ho-  
 nor, he would not suffer any thing to  
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we could understand, but what he wrought by his invisible Power in the hearts of our Enemies. It was given into my heart half a year after *Daniel* came thence, that if I could speak with the *Inquisitor*, he would grant us our liberty; and in a little time he came to the Inquisition-Court-Chamber, and we heard of it, and desired to speak with him, which he granted us, and we told him we had wronged none, we had defrauded none, neither was guile found in our mouths; but we had suffered innocently almost four years, for Conscience-sake; and we knew they had no peace in our sufferings. So the *Inquisitor* was very courteous to us, and promised our liberty in a few dayes; and he said he would send for the *Consul*, and get him to engage for five hundred Dollets, to be paid for us, if ever we came again; in case the *Consul* did deny it, he would send to *Rome* to the Pope for an Order to set us at liberty without any Obligation. So we were contented to wait the Lord's time, who had often promised us, That we should have our liberty in a day when we thought not of, and at a house when we were not aware; and good was the Word of the Lord, and faithful in all his Promises. 30 Questions

About two weeks after the *Inquisitor* came to the *Inquisition* with his *Lieutenant* and other of the *Magistrates*, and a *Consul* for the *English*; and he sent the *Proctor* of the Court to call us forth before them; and when we came he told us, *the Consul would engage for the payment of five hundred Dollers, if ever we returned thither again.* We not knowing at present whether it was the mind of our heavenly Father that the Earth should help the Woman yea or nay, yet waiting in the Fear of God, it was brought to my remembrance that the Lord had said *we had two things to work over, before we could be set at liberty.* So they used many words, but we eying the Lord, yet answered them in the Spirit of meekness. They called for half a sheet of paper, and the *Chancellor* asked what he should write? but the Lord stood up for his own glory, so that they had not power to write one Letter. The *Lieutenant* said, *they would talk of it another time;* and they did ask us, *whether we would not return back again to our Husbands and Children, if it were the will of God?* We answered, *It was our intent in the will of God so to do.* The *Lord Inquisitor* took his leave very courteously of us; and desired our prosper-

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rous return into our Country ; and likewise the Magistrates, with the inferiour Officers, not requiring penny or penny-worths for any Fees or Attendance that we had among them in that time ; but as we saw our freedom in the Lord, we gave the Keeper and some poor men something for Conscience sake.

So we departed in peace, according to the compleat example of the holy men of God, kneeling down and desiring our heavenly Father never to lay to their charge what they did unto us, because they knew us not ; so this Scripture was fulfilled, *that he made our enemies our footstool, and they that hate us without a cause to be at peace with us.* So we were delivered in Power and great glory out of the *Inquisition* into the *Consul's* hand to be sent for *England*, as opportunity did present. The *Consul* said that he did engage for us after we were out of the *Inquisition* ; but we could never find that it was true.

So we were kept eleven weeks at the *Consul's* house, before they could have a passage to carry us out of their Coast ; and the Cross was so heavy, and the travel of souls so great, that, as to the visible, all hopes were past that I could live in the body ;

dy; but all things are possible with God, who by his mighty Power hath removed Mountains, and subdued the Earth, and broke through the double doors, docks and bolts, and Iron bars, and all the chains of wickedness, & every unrighteous Decree; and by his high & mighty Hand and strong outstretched Arm hath returned our Captivity, that *Jacob* may rejoyce and *Israel* may be glad; magnified be the Name of our Eternal Father for ever; yea, Honour and Glory, Power and Dominion over all to him who ruleth on high, world without end, Amen.

And when we had been at the Consul's house eleven weeks, there came one of the King's Fligats, called the *Saphire*, the Captain's name was *Samuel Thysnel*. The Grand Master sent to the Captain of the *Saphire* to entreat him to stay the Ship all night, to take up almost forty Passengers. The Captain made himself unwilling, because he had no product; but lay out in the Road a league from the City. The Grand Master writ to him, he knew his brother at *England* would not deny him such a courtesy to take in twenty four Knights, Cavaliers, and their servants, and two *Quakers*, and so he staid till the next day, it was

was for his great advantage. Upon pain of death the Cavaliers must not see us heretofore, but our heavenly Father doth know how to bring his own purposes to pass, and none can hinder him.

Oh! that we should be put on board with so many of them, and one was the *Inquisitor's* own brother, as he said, and was as like him as if the same man, as I told the Captain, before I knew who he was: he spake to the Captain often that we might not want any thing that was in the Ship, and he told us if we were at *Malta* again we should not be persecuted so; for as soon as he saw our faces he said, *he would not differ with us*; he and some other of them said to the Captain, *If we went to Heaven one way, and they another, yet we should all meet together at the last*. But we held out Christ Jesus the Light of the World, to be the *alone* way to the Father: And great was our labour from day to day. But our own Country-men were much worse than most of them, so that they bid us go back to *Malta* again; and said the *English* would use us worse than the *Maltezes*. So when we came to *Legorn*, the Ship could get no product, and if we would go ashore there, we might go into the *Lazaretto*.

*retta* for forty dayes. And so the King's Agent desired the Captain to carry us as far as he could, till he met the General, and then he would provide a passage for us, if that Ship was commanded back again; for if he should have left us there in *Lazaretta*, the Agent must take order for us, he said, according to the King's Order. The Merchants shewed us no small kindness, and treated us with much love, and sent us Wine and Bread, and a great many good things for our refreshment: the Sea was high so that they could not conveniently come to us, but they told the Captain they would come; and if we would have money or any thing else whatsoever we would write for, they would send it to us. We had but little money, but being we were coming for our Country, we saw but little freedom to take up money: And the Captain promised, as we should not want any money, nor any thing else till we came to *England*; so he should not have taken any money for our passage, because it was the King's Ship, but he received several Dollers which victualled the Ship; So he hasted thence and came to *Tarloon*, and there he could get no product, but all the *Malta* Knights were set

set a-shoar into *Lazaretta*: so we came to *Malago*, and there the Captain had pro-  
duct, but he did not dare to make any long  
stay there, for fear the Fleet should be be-  
fore him at *Tangeer*. He was sent before  
the Fleet out of *Turkie*, with Letters to  
*Malta*, and to *Legorn*, and other places,  
and we had some service for the Lord in  
every Harbour.

So we came to *Tangeer* above two weeks  
before the Fleet came. The Captain said  
it was above an hundred pound out of his  
way, because he made so much haste. The  
Lord did hasten him for his Work's sake,  
as it was clearly manifested to us all along.  
The Captain said we must not go a-shoar  
till he had spoke with the Governour's  
Excellency.

So we went a-shoar as we were moved  
of the Lord, and great was our Work for *English*  
the Seeds sake. Oh! oh! great are the *many*  
Abominations of the wicked in that place;  
none worse than English-men for swear- *worship*  
ing, lying, pride, drunkenness, whoredoms, *men*  
and such like, so that our righteous souls  
were vexed day and night with their un-  
clean conversation, and the pure Spirit of  
the Lord was grieved, and the Seed of God  
was pressed, even as a Cart is pressed with  
sheaves;

theaves; So we declared boldly against them all in the Name of the Lord, and they came flocking about us, high and low, great and small, into the house where we were lodged, or where ever we went, of all sorts. In a few days we were moved to go to the Governour, and to lay their Abominations before him, the just Judgments due unto them from the Lord for their great and grievous Wickedness; and laid it upon him from the Lord to suppress it, in so much as lay in him to do; lest the just and holy Lord God Almighty did suddenly deliver them into the hands of their Enemies to be destroyed, after the rest of them were slain in the Wrath and Anger of the Almighty: and we told him they had not greater enemies without than they had within, and if they did repent, and truly fear the Lord, their Enemies would be subdued within, and they would know when to go out against their Enemies and prosper, and the Lord would make their Enemies to be at peace with them. So the Governour said, he did lovingly receive our good Instructions, and Admonitions, and promised to follow our Counsel, and would have given us money, and desired us to eat and drink in his house.

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We did freely embrace his love; without  
meat, drink or money.

And he was very courteous to us, and  
tender over us, so that he gave Command-  
ment to all the Garison; *That none should*  
*abuse us in word nor action, upon pain of se-*  
*vere punishment.* There are many *Portu-*  
*gals, Jews and Irish* which could as freely  
have burnt us, as they could have burnt  
wood; but our pure, holy, wise, strong and  
powerful Lord God, protected us in the  
midst of them, and took away all slavish  
fear from us, so that we were as bold as  
Lions for God's Truth, against all their  
Idolatry and Wickedness. The Lord is  
worthy to have the glory for evermore,  
*Amen.*

And in a few dayes after it was laid upon  
us of the Lord, to go forth to meet the  
*Moors* their Enemies, which laid siege a-  
gainst them, and they were such a bloody  
savage people, that it seemed a very hard  
thing to us, but the Lord said unto me,  
**Go forth, fear not, they shall not harm**  
**thee, or you; Behold the Sword of the**  
**Lord and of Gideon is with you.** And so  
we believed, and were made willing to  
adventure life and all in obedience. And  
so we went to the Governour to desire we  
might

might be let out of the Gate, declaring the mind of God in it: but the Governor told us, *we must expect nothing but cruel death, or bonds for ever*, telling us what terrible weapons they had, and entreated us to go again to our lodging, and wait upon the Lord, and pray as our manner was, he said, and then if we could not have peace, we might come to him again. And in two or three dayes after he came to us, and asked us concerning the thing. We told him we were made willing to bear and to wait upon the Lord to perswade his heart to let us go, and said we did believe the Lord would preserve us in the midst of them, and deliver us from them, and we should be returned as safe as we went forth; yet however our bodies were but a reasonable sacrifice to offer for him that gave them us. So he left us at that time. After that we went to his house again, and he did seem to be somewhat willing then to let us go. Then his Secretary stept to him, and desired him that he would not let us go, declaring to him that if he did let us go, that it could not possibly be expected that ever we should return into the City again; or see any of our Relations or Country, except the Lord did

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did work a wonderful Miracle by delivering us out of their hands : And then the Governour told us in pitty and tenderness towards us, he believing we were innocent harmless women, and did truly fear God, he could not let us go forth, the *English* would speak very hardly of him, and say he forced us forth to be destroyed by them. So in a day or two after the *Moors* did shew forth their Flag to parley for Peace, and came near to treat with them, and till then our souls, hearts and spirits were exercised in such strong travel and labour night and day, we could not hide it from the people of the house where we lay ; but we do believe if we had gone forth among them before they came to treat with them, the Lord our God who liveth for ever, would have preserved us, and we should have been returned, to the conviction of many, and to the astonishment of all the whole Garison, for his own glory : but if we should have gone forth to them when they came to parley for Peace, then our Country-men would have said, that that was the reason we were preserved, and God would not have had the glory. The Lord said, **our Sacrifice was accepted,** because he knew the uprightness of our hearts.

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We went to take our leaves of the Governour, having finished our Testimonies in that place, acknowledging the love we received from him; and he proffered us whatever we wanted for the Ship, and his kindness extended so far that he would send it to the Vessel. We received his love, but took nothing of him, and so we departed the City, and went aboard the Ship that brought us thither; and that Ship was commanded back into the *Straits*, so that we were destitute of a passage. So *Sarah* being moved of the Lord, went unto the General and made him acquainted therewith, and he very lovingly sent us aboard in another Ship, and bade us take care for nothing, he would give Order we should not want any thing till we came to *England*.

When we were ready to set sail, there came a mighty Scool of Fish dancing round the Ship, and leaping above water with great joy, as I am a witness of; and as I waited on the Lord, considering what it might signifie, the Lord answered me, It signified the multitudes of his Saints and Servants in *England* or elsewhere, that will rejoyce at the return of our Captivity, and glorifie his Name: which caused

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caused great joy and refreshment to our souls. The Lord made it manifest we should have a safe passage to *England*, and caused us to declare it, so that many desired to return with us in that Ship on that account; yet I told them we might meet with storms and hardships by the way; and so it came to pass; and great tryals we had by reason of storms and tempestuous weather, that we were in great danger and peril, so that many were wounded and bruised with the tossing of the Vessel; and the Master of the Ship cast over-board, when the Sea was so high as Mountains; yet the Lord wrought wonderfully for his deliverance, and he was brought into the Ship safe again, and we all came safe to Land. The Captain was a very civil man, and we were very civilly used in that Ship. We were scattered from all the rest of the Ships, and could never see them again. And so the Name of the Lord be magnified for ever over all, whose Name is a strong Tower to all that can trust in him.

It is laid upon me to manifest the large love of God to us in our greatest extre-  
mity, when we knew nothing but that we should be burnt for many dayes together.

'Then in a Vision of the night I saw  
 'large Room, and a great Wood-fire in  
 'the Chimney; and I saw the eternal Son  
 'of God sitting in a Chair by the fire, in  
 'the form of a servant: And likewise I  
 'saw a very amiable well-favoured Man  
 'Child sitting in a hollow Chair over the  
 'fire, it had no clothes on but a little fine  
 'linen about the upper parts, it did not  
 'appear to be above three quarters old,  
 'the fire did flame on every side of it, yet  
 'the Child did play and was merry: I  
 'would have took it up, for fear it should  
 'have been burnt, but he that sat in the  
 'Chair bade me let it alone. I turned  
 'me about and I saw another heavenly  
 'Angel of God's presence standing a little  
 'wayes off; it was not *Gabriel*: and then  
 'he that sat in the Chair, bade me take  
 'up the Child, and it had no harm. Let  
 him that readeth, understand. And then  
 I did awake, and I called to my Friend  
*Sarah*, and bid her she should not fear,  
 for the heavenly Host of God's Presence  
 did follow us; and as we do believe, who  
 can harm us; though they did bind us to  
 a stake, yet shall they never have power  
 to kindle fire upon us. And *Sarah* answer-  
 ed, she did know without our heavenly  
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Father they cannot touch a hair of our heads; And the Lord said, *Howeuer it be, it shall go well with you.* And so we magnifie the Name of the Lord night and day, and he is worthy to be praised for evermore, *Amen.*

*Ka. Evans.*

There came to *Malta* whilst we were in the *Inquisition*, twenty sail of Ships out of *France* and *Spain*, to joyn with the *Cavaliers* in *Malta*, to fight against the *Turks*, as the Keeper told us; and the fear and dread of the Lord fell upon me, and the Lord commanded me to prophesie against them, and I cryed out daily, saying, *God is angry, God is angry, and they cannot prosper; go not forth to murther, nor to kill one another: Christ came not to destroy life, but to save it.* This I told many as they were in hearing, yet there was great triumphing and glorying in blood, and in the strength of *Pharoah* all the time they were there. And the night before they went forth, I saw in a Vision a broad Tub of blood, and it did run over on each side into the water and defiled it, that I could have none to drink, and I was exceedingly troubled in spirit. And this did signifie their great slaughter

slaughter and fight upon the Sea with the  
*Turks*; and they returned with great loss,  
 and their joy was turned into sorrow, and  
 their mirth into mourning, because they  
 would not be forewarned.

*Sa. Cheevers.*

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*To the English Fryar Malachi.*

**T**HOU art a bloody Persecutor of God  
 and his eternal Truth, and the Mes-  
 sengers thereof; go whither thou wilt the  
 righteous God will follow thee and find  
 thee out; dig never so deep, thou canst  
 not hide thy self from the Light; Cruel-  
 ty, hard-heartedness, vain-glory, hypo-  
 crisie, lying, blasphemy, pride, unbelief,  
 all manner of wickedness lodgeth within  
 thee: thou in thy measure art the sinck of  
 Hell; thy mouth uttereth perverse things;  
 the poyson of Asps is under thy tongue,  
 thou art in the gall of bitterness, and in  
 the bond of iniquity; thou art for eternal  
 burnings. Thou saidst thou madest thy  
 self a holy man, having wit and learning,  
 so thou becamest a Prelate or a Bishop, and  
 studied Divinity fifteen years, and by it  
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thou camest by thy Ordination to be a Fa-  
 ther of Learning; a Saviour of Souls; thou  
 wast thou hadst received vertue to remit  
 sins, and thou didst offer to take our blood  
 upon thee, and to save our souls and bo-  
 dies, and wouldst have us to pray in the  
 name of such a holy Father as thou who  
 art a Catholick; and didst kneel down of-  
 ten, and speak many bitter wishes; *that*  
*you were in the true Faith*: But glory be to  
 the Name of our God for ever, the Light  
 did discover thee when thou camest under  
 many false covers and colours; thy lyes  
 and blasphemies were manifested to us by  
 the Light, and by the Light judged and  
 condemned; and we preserved and justi-  
 fied. O thou perverter of the pure way of  
 Righteousness, thou child of the Devil,  
 thou deceiver of souls, the Lord will re-  
 quire the souls of the simple at thy hands;  
 thou hast caused them to err from the li-  
 ving God; thou *Lucifer*, thou shalt be cast  
 down from thy seat, with all thy whore-  
 doms, into the bottomless pit, there to re-  
 main for ever, *Amen*. And the Lord Je-  
 sus Christ alone shall reign over all the  
 powers of darkness unto the ends of the  
 Earth, and the powers of darkness disco-  
 vered, defaced and utterly destroyed with  
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the brightness of his coming ; then shalt thou and thy kingdom, with all your carnal weapons that you have formed to uphold you, be thrown down and overturned, and thou, and all such deceivers as thou art, shall be cast into utter darkness, with the lyers, unbelievers, Sorcerers, fearful, blasphemers, blood-thirsty, there to receive your reward, *weeping, wailing, and gnashing of teeth for ever* : then shall you know with *Dives*, one drop of cold Water from us whom you have afflicted [ for the Testimony of Jesus, and the Word of God ] will not stand you in stead to cool your tormented tongues for your Blasphemies.

Thou hast slighted the day of thy Visitation ; thou hast had line upon line, and precept upon precept declared to thee of the good Word of God, but thou hast made a mock, and said it was a foolish thing : thou didst want men of learning and wit ; thou hast learning and tongues, Oh ! dost thou not see thy folly ? *Hath not God chosen the foolish things to confound the wisdom of the wise, and to bring to nought the counsel of the prudent ?* In the Light thou art known, by the Light thou art judged and condemned : Thy Gospel is carnal that doth uphold thy Kingdom ; Iniquity, double-  
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doors, Chains, Bolts, Iron Whips, Racks, Halters, Quarterings, Cruelties, Blood-thirstiness; what wickedness is there that is not in your Kingdom? you will cheat and cozen one another, and will tolerate all manner of vice, and say it is pardonable, and will remit their sins, if they will believe in you, and pray in your name: Thou wouldst have us pray by thy spirit after thee, and say *Mass* and *Pater noster*, and pray to Saints departed, and thy *Jesus* and *Mary* with Beads and Crucifixes, and cross our foreheads and chins. Oh thou Antichrist! wouldst thou have us turn from the Spirit of the living God, which is pure and holy, to pray to stocks and stones, thy dead gods, which cannot see, nor hear, nor speak. The Lord said formerly, and doth say now, *Thou shalt not* Exodus  
*make to thy self any graven Image, or the* 20  
*likeness of any thing that is in Heaven above,*  
*or in the Earth beneath, &c.* Cursed be thy Images, and thou that teachest people to fall down to worship them. Thou sayest, this is *Moses Law*: *He that despiseth Moses's Law, dyeth without mercy, under two or three witnesses.* Of how much sorer punishment shall he be thought worthy, that trampleth under foot the blood of the Covenant,  
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and counteth it an unholy thing, wherein  
 he was sanctified, and hath done despite to the  
 Spirit of Grace? Thou art he, *Malachi*, the  
 Lord saith, thou art a cursed Reprobate,  
 Depart from me thou worker of iniqui-  
 ty, I know thee not. Thou sayest, thou  
 wouldst chain our arms, because we could  
 not bow at thy command: We said, our  
 necks, with our whole bodies; for the Te-  
 stimony of *Jesus* and the Word of God, which  
 we give forth among you, we were ready  
 to seal it with our blood; glory be to the  
 Lord God Almighty, who called and  
 counted us worthy to suffer for his Name-  
 sake, and gave us power over thee, thou  
 crooked Scorpion: if thou hadst known  
 that Power that did restrain thy hands and  
 thy feet from shedding our blood, thou  
 wouldst have known whose Servants we  
 were; but thou art in the Reprobation  
 with *Cain*, *Judas* and bloody *Herod*: thou  
 wouldest have us call thee a *holy Father*;  
 and thou sayest, *Whosoever sins ye remit on*  
*Earth, they should be remitted in Heaven*;  
 and yet thou saidst, none could be assured of  
 their Salvation in this life; and thou asked  
 us about a *Purgatory*: we knew no such  
 place. The Scripture speaks of a Hell and  
 a Heaven, in which the souls of the Right-  
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ous should enter into when they depart  
 the body, where is joy and rest for ever-  
 more; but the souls of the wicked into  
 everlasting torment. Thou saidst, thou  
 couldst prove a *Purgatory* in *Maccabees*:  
 we know no such place; but we know it  
 speaketh of a woman that had seven sons,  
 which because they could not forsake the  
 Law of the living God, their tongues were  
 cut out. Art not thou a lyer? didst not  
 thou say, thou wast a Remitter of sins, and  
 a saviour of souls, and yet they must dye in  
 their sins, and go to Purgatory? Oh thou  
 blind guide! thou art to be denied: dost  
 not thou see thy own confusion? If any sin  
 against God, you then give a Pardon; but  
 if any offend you, Oh the Rackings, Hal-  
 terings, Strapado's, Chains, Bolts, Irons!  
 Your cruelty doth exceed what we do re-  
 stitue; you have sold your selves to work  
 wicked Abominations: you wear defiled  
 garments to deceive the simple-hearted,  
 and say there is virtue in them, and think  
 it an honour for them to kiss your defiled  
 garments. The Spirit speaketh expressly,  
 that in the latter days there should be seducing  
 spirits, teaching lyes in hypocrisie, the Doctrine  
 of the Devil; to abstain from marriage, and  
 meats which God hath created for the preser-  
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*vation of the Creation :* but if a man com-  
 mit Adultery with a woman, and come and  
 confess to you, you will pardon him : Oh  
 horrible Blasphemy ! there is none can  
 forgive sins but God only : *If any man sin,*  
*we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus*  
*Christ the righteous ; and he is the Propitia-*  
*tion for our sins, and not for ours only, but for*  
*the sins of the whole world.* When Nathan  
 came to *David* to tell him of his sins, the  
 faithful Witness in his own Conscience  
 which did convince him he was a sinner,  
 made him cry out, *I am the man that hath*  
*sinned against the Lord.* Nathan was a true  
 Prophet of the Lord, to convince of sin,  
 but not pardon sin. If *Noah, Daniel* and  
*Job* were in that City, they should save but  
 their own souls alive for their own righte-  
 ousness. Oh ! how do you dare to pervert  
 the holy Scriptures, which by so many  
 infallible Testimonies were given forth  
 by the Spirit of the living God ? *For the*  
*Scriptures are of no private interpretation,*  
*but holy men of God spake as they were moved*  
*by the holy Ghost ; and they are profitable for*  
*Doctrine, Uses, and Reproofs,* that all whose  
 minds are turned to the measure of the  
 Grace of God that bringeth Salvation that  
 hath appeared in all, to teach and lead out  
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of sin, and to deny all ungodliness and worldly lusts, and to live righteously and godly in this present evil world, they come to have the Scriptures fulfilled in them, as they were in them which gave them forth, for they lived in the life of the Scriptures; their lives, and what they did declare, was *Tea and Amen*; and they were guided by *one Spirit*, and they spake *one and the same thing* as the Light did lead them: for the Light is a perfect guide into all truth, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart of every one, and is a discerner of spirits; it shineth in darkness, and the darkness comprehends it not. The Light will discover every deed of darkness; it is the faithful and true Witness of God, which he hath given to every one a measure to profit, to convince, to reprove, to instruct, to condemn, to justify. And those that receive the Light in the love thereof, to them he doth reveal his everlasting loving-kindness, and make known the Mysteries of his Truth and Counsel. *The willing and obedient shall eat the good of the Land, but those that refuse and rebel, the Sword of the Lord shall devour. The mouth of the Lord hath spoken it, and his zeal will perform it.*

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Every one that loveth the Light, will bring their deeds to the Light, that they may be approved of the Light that they are wrought in God ; for to the Light of Christ all must come ; and whatsoever hath been done in secret shal be made manifest ; when the Book of every ones Conscience shall be laid open, then shall every ones heart be made manifest by the Light, and shall receive every one according to their deeds done in the body : *they that sow to the flesh, shall of the flesh reap corruption ; but they that sow to the Spirit, shall reap life everlasting : For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life, through Christ Jesus our Lord ; who is the Light of the World, that lighteth every one that cometh into the World, that all men through him might believe. He is the true Light and Life of men. God so loved the World, that he gave his only begotten Son into the World, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have life everlasting. This Life is in the Son ; he that hath the Son, hath Life.*

O Friends and People of all sorts, turn in your minds to the *Light within*, which will shew you your conditions, and how you have been seeking a *Saviour without*, in the many wandrings from hills to mountains,

tains, crying, *Lo here*, and *Lo there*, when he is nigh you, calling you to return to him, that your sins may be pardoned, and you reconciled and redeemed from your sins and from your beloved lusts, that war against your souls. The works of the flesh are manifest by the Light; and as you come to love the Light, you will have power over every deed of darkness, and to a daily cross to be crucified with Christ from sin, and from the beggarly rudiments of the world, to live to God.

God is holy, as it is written, *Be ye holy, for I am holy*, saith the Lord. *Holiness becomes the House of the Lord for ever. What, know you not that your bodies are the Temples of the holy Ghost to dwell in?* The Spirit of the living God cannot dwell with any defiled thing, but alwayes bears witness against it. If any man defile the Temple of God, him will God destroy; for the Temple of God is holy. *Who can bring a clean thing out of an unclean?* No, not one. *Can a Fountain bring forth sweet water and bitter?* You say you are Christians: Do you walk like Christ? Paul said, *Be ye followers of me, as I am a follower of Christ.* And Christ saith, *Love your enemies; bless them that curse you, and despitefully use you,*  
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*that you may be the Children of your heavenly Father. Christ died for his Enemies, He was made sin for us, that knew no sin, that we might become the Righteousness of God in him.* What greater Love can there be?

O turn in your minds, and examine your own hearts, every one in particular; Do you keep Christ's Commandments? Christ saith, *If you love me, you will keep my Commandments.* Christ's Command is *Love.* *Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and thy neighbour as thy self; and do to all, as thou wouldst have all do unto thee. Owe nothing to any but love.* Love is the fulfilling of the pure Law of God, which is *holy, just and good.* Not one jot or tittle shall pals, till all is fulfilled.

All that come to the Light, and obey it, come to the fulfilling of the Law: for the Law is the Light. *I had not known sin but by the Law:* for the Law saith, *Thou shalt not covet;* and Christ saith, *He that breaks one of these least Commandments, is guilty if the whole.* It is not enough to talk of a Christ that suffered at *Jerusalem* once for all, and to make him a cloak to cover your sins; be not deceived, but let such know he is in every one to condemn for sin, and to make every evil deed manifest, and to bear

bear testimony against it, and to leave all without excuse : for all must be tryed by the Light of Christ, that lighteth every one that cometh into the world ; and all that love the Light, will bring their deeds to the Light to be approved ; O but those that hate it, it will be their condemnation.

My endeared Salutation and Greeting  
to the Seed Immortal in all through-  
out the whole World. Farewel.

*Sarah Cheevers.*

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*An additional Account of GEORGE  
ROBINSON'S: shewing his Call  
to go to Jerusalem ; And how God  
in his Journey thither was present  
with, and did preserve him from the  
hands of those who sought to take his  
Life, &c.*

FRIENDS,

**E**VEN as the Lord in many Ages and  
Generations past hath called his Ser-  
vants abroad into many Countries and  
Regions of the World, to bear forth a Te-  
stimony

simony unto his glorious and ever blessed Name, that people might be gathered to him, and be blessed by him; even in like manner he hath done in this our day, blessed be his Name for evermore. And to my dear Friends, I being sensible in some measure, of the Lord's great Love in this particular, do in dear love, both to the Lord and his People, shew forth the same.

In the year 1657, about the beginning of the seventh month thereof, as I was waiting upon the Lord in singleness of heart, his blessed Presence filled me, and by the power of his Spirit, did command me to go unto *Jerusalem*; And further said unto me, **Thy sufferings shall be great, but I will bear thee over them all.**

Accordingly, about the middle of the aforesaid month, I began my Voyage towards *Jerusalem*, and imbarqued with four Friends more, in a Ship (called *The Joshua of London*) bound for *Legorn* in *Italy*, where in about six weeks time we arrived; and soon after we were sent for by the Governor of that place, who after examination of us, whither we were going (and the like) said, *we must not stay ashore, but go aboard a Ship, there to abide until we could get passage whither*

whether we were bound. Nevertheless we  
 returned to our Lodgings again, where we  
 continued some dayes, in which time both Eng-  
 lish and others daily visited us, to whom we  
 made the things belonging to God's King-  
 dom, and then left that place, and went  
 aboard a Ship to wait for a passage whither  
 we were bound. And in about two weeks  
 time after, I left the rest of Friends, and  
 imbarqued in a *French Ship*, bound for *St.*  
*John de Acra*, formerly called *Ptolomais*,  
 and after a few dayes sail, we passed by the  
 Island of *Malta* ( where *Paul* suffered  
 shipwrack ) where we made little stay, but  
 shifted sail, and in about two or three  
 weeks time we came to the ruined City  
 at *Tirus*, having met with a contrary wind,  
 we were stayed three or four dayes ; the  
 inhabitants, being *Turks* and *Greeks*, were  
 moderate towards me ; and from thence  
 about one day we came to *Ptolomais*, or  
*St. John de Acra*, where I remained about  
 eight dayes ( being much opposed by the  
 Jews ) in a *French Merchants* house, and  
 then imbarqued in a Vessel ( amongst  
*Greeks* and *Turks* ) bound for *Joppa*, but  
 the Wind rising against us, we came to an-  
 chor at *Tourtons* ; and on the next mor-  
 ning divers *Turks* came aboard, and de-

manded Tribute of those called *Christians* in the Vessel, which they paid for fear of sufferings, but very unwillingly, their demands being very unreasonable ; and in like manner demanded of me, but I refusing to pay according to their demands, they threatned to beat the soles of my feet with a stick, and one of them would have put his hand into my pocket, but the chieftest of them rebuked him : Soon after they began to take me out of the Vessel to effect their work ; but one of the *Turks* belonging to the Vessel, speaking to them as they were taking me ashore, they let me alone ; wherein I saw the good hand of God preserving me, and also there being an *Armenian* present, and seeing I rather chose to suffer, than to grant them their unreasonable demands, he cryed out, *I was a good Christian, I was a good Christian*, and became very loving unto me whilst he remained with me. After this, about three or four dayes we came to *Joppa*, and from thence the same day we came to *Ramlah* (or *Ramoth* in *Gilead*) which (as it did appear) the Friars at *Jerusalem*, hearing of my coming, gave order unto some there, to stay me, which accordingly was done ; for I was taken and carried into a house

house; and locked up into a room for one night and a part of the day following, and then had liberty to go into the yard, but as a Prisoner, in which time the *Turks* shewed friendship unto me; one Antient man especially of great reputation, who desired that I might come unto his house; which thing being granted, he courteously entertained me. And further, it came to pass about four or five dayes after my confinement, there came an *Irish* Friar, with a Guard accompanying him from *Jerusalem*, unto me ( it being twenty miles distant ) and discoursed with me concerning the things of God's Kingdom. At first he seemed in words as though he would have shewed friendship unto me; but the poyson of Asps was under his tongue: for when he could not prevail over me, nor others with him in way of discourse, about the things of God, he then said that was not the business he was sent about; but he had divers things to propound unto me, from his brethren the Friars at *Jerusalem* as followeth) which he would do.

1. *Whether I would promise when I come to Jerusalem, that I would visit the Holy Places (as he called them) as other Pilgrims did.*

2. And give such sums of money, as is the usual manner of Pilgrims.

3. Wear such a sort of habit as is the manner of Pilgrims.

4. Speak nothing against the Turks Laws.

5. And when I came to Jerusalem, not to speak any thing about Religion.

And thus they strove to make their hold strong, to keep me from Jerusalem, but all was in vain : for I not conforming unto them, but standing in the Will of the Lord, to do as he might order me ; they then the next morning took me and set me upon a horse, and with a Guard both of Horsemen and Footmen, with the aforesaid *Irish* Friar, I was brought from thence back to *Joppa*, and was imbarqued the same day in a Vessel (with one *Popish* Father as a Guard) bound for *St. John de Acra* (or *Ptolomais*) but in our Voyage a very strong Wind arose upon us, wherby the Vessel was near to sink ; and then the *Popish* Father in a distressed condition cryed out, and beat his face with his hands, and would have me to pray for them ; the poor Seamen threw their Goods over into the Sea, to lighten the Vessel, and they lost their Helm ; great was their dammage, yet through the mercy of the Lord our lives

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 Lord did wonderfully preserve me, which  
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 down in the field (for what I knew) but  
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*they are little to me; but thee I can willingly receive.* The old man would admire the Lord's doing in this thing, and did believe I was sent of the Lord, and he did love me exceeding much: but the Friars had so far prevailed with the *Consul*, that in 20. dayes time I could not be received into a Vessel for to go towards *Jerusalem*; so that I knew not but to have gone by Land; yet it was several dayes Journey, and I knew not the way, no not so much as out of the City, besides the much difficulty there is in going through the Country, beyond my expression; yet I not looking at the hardships, but at the heavenly Will of our Lord, I was made to cry in my heart, *Lord, thy Will be done, and not mine*; and for being preparing to go, and taking leave of the tender old man, he cryed, *I should be destroyed if I went by Land*, and would not let me go; but the next morning he went unto the *Consul*, and spake unto him earnestly, that I might have liberty to go by Sea to *Joppa*, ( for before the *Consul* had given order to the contrary ) the Friars also did speak to the *Consul* very much to hinder me, being I could not conform to joyn with them, and said *I would turn Turk, and be a Devil*; yet the friendly old

old man appeared, and in my behalf opposed them, and through the Lord's great goodness liberty was obtained for my return back to *Joppa* by Sea, contrary to the wills of the Friars, who thought to have sent me back again out of those parts; for within about three or four dayes, a Vessel being bound for *Joppa* I entred therein, and in about a dayes time arrived there, where some Friars also (who went along in the same Vessel) sought to hinder me from going to *Jerusalem*: but I going ashore before them, payed for my passage, and so went on my Journey alone; where having met with many people in the way peaceably passed by me, untill I came about six miles, and then I met with three men, two of them riding upon Asses, and the other going on foot; they asked me for money, one of them holding his ~~hand~~ <sup>hand</sup> to my breast, and another of them put his hand into my pockets & took some things out, I not resisting them, but stood in the fear of the Lord, who preserved me; for they passed away; and he that took my things forth of my pockets, put them up again, taking nothing from me, nor did me the least harm, but one of them took me by the hand and led me a little on my way  
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in a friendly manner, and so left me. So I passing through the like dangers (through the great love of God, which caused me to glorifie his blessed Name) I came (though in much weakness of body) unto *Ramlah*, or *Ramoth Gilead*, and going through the Town I was known (having been there before) two men of the said Town, Adherents to the Friars (which before had opposed me) arose and laid hold on me, and hurried me in a violent manner towards the place in the Town, in which before I had been kept prisoner; but as they were abusing me, there came two *Turks* and threw them violently from me, and took me from them, one leading me by one arm, the other by the other arm, and in that manner brought me to one of their Houses of Worship or *Mosco*; and I being entered thereinto, many people gathered together therein, also the Priests of *Mahomet*, before whom I was called and caused to sit down; And then it was demanded of me, *Whether I would turn unto the Turks Religion?* I answered, I could not turn unto them: but they pressed me very much, and said they would give me great things, and I should not need fear what the *Christians* could do unto me.

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Nevertheless I answered, I could not turn unto them for all the World: yet mightily did many strive with me with an ardent affection, and would have had me hold up one finger, as a sign of owning them: and one bid me say, *Christ is bad*; I answered, I knew him to be good, and I was his Servant. Then some of the chief of them were displeased very much, and said, *If I would not turn to their Religion, I should die*. I answered, I should rather die than turn unto them. It was answered, *I should then die*. So they gave order to the Executioner (for, as I understand, they execute presently after Sentence) who haled me away to the place where it was expected I should have been burnt to death with Camels dung, and so fate me down upon the ground, where the Lord preserved me over the fear of men, though I was as a Sheep prepared for the slaughter. And thus it came to pass, whilst some appeared very violent, the Lord raised up some others amongst them whom he made instrumental in his hand for the preservation of my life. And there came an anti-ent tender man, a *Turk*, and of great reputation, unto me, and said, *Whether I would turn from my Religion or not, I should*  
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*not die.* Then they brought me before them again, who asked me, *Will you turn?* I answered, *Nay.* They then recorded it in a Book, that I was no *Roman Catholick*, but of another Religion; for I had denied the *Roman Catholicks* unto them, yet owned I was a *Christian*.

After this they were much broken down in their spirits, as men whose strength failed, and then the aforesaid Antient man took me, and ordered his servants to conduct me to his house, where he friendly entertained me; but within about four or five dayes time there came a Guard of Horsemen, which I understood the Friars had hired to bring me before the *Bashaw* of *Gaza*; for, as it was told me, the Friars in *Jerusalem* had pre-informed the said *Bashaw* against me (whom they looked upon to be their chiefest friend in all these parts) who desired me to be brought before him; and swore he would kill me in his own person; and with the aforesaid Guard of armed men I was brought in two dayes unto *Gaza* (where *Sampson* formerly dwelt) where I remained about five days; in which time it was said I should go before the *Bashaw*, but it came not so to pass, for he being informed by some *Turks* of the wicked

wicked proceedings of the Friars towards me, whereupon he gave order that the Friars should pay an hundred Dollers unto those men which had informed him of their bad dealings towards me: and further, those men which brought me to *Gaza*, he ordered they should convey me back, and from thence the Friars should cause me to be brought to *Jerusalem*, who were the great opposers of my coming thither. In this said City I was in a friendly manner both visited and received by many both *Turks*, *Greeks* and *Armenians*: The *Greeks* and *Armenians* ( being professed *Christians* ) were raised unto much love to me, they understanding I owned my self a *Christian*, and chused rather to die than to turn from my Religion: And the *Turks* were raised to a loving moderate enquiry, being I suffered and went through great things, yet differed from all others. The *Jews* in them parts were moderate towards me likewise.

According to the afore-mentioned Order, I was brought to *Jerusalem*, but being come thither, the Friars laid wait for me, and by their appointment I was taken and brought to their Convent, where at first they seemingly shewed love unto me, and one

one confessed, there was now an evident sign that I was a good Christian, for I was come through Persecution and Sufferings; and those things which had been spoken of me to the contrary were manifest to be untrue. I answered, It was he and his brethren which had persecuted and caused me to suffer, and withstood my coming to Jerusalem. He said, The English (a Friar like himself) had informed them by writing against me, which caused them to do what they had done unto me, and desired I would now pass those things by, seeing I was come in such a miraculous manner; for it was the Lord's work (said he) to carry me through, and I might praise God I was preserved. The next morning there came a Friar unto me, and asked me, If I would become an obedient child, and go to visit the Holy Places (as he called them) according to their customs? I answered, Nay, I should not visit them. He said, Whereas others give great sums of money to see them, I should see them for nothing. I answered, Nay, I should not visit them in their manner, for in so doing I should sin against God. He said, they would honour me as much as ever they honoured any English-man that ever came thither, if I would conform unto them. I said, Nay, I should not conform; and

and as for their honor, I mattered not for it. Then he became wrath and said, *They would make me an example to all English-men that should come thither.* I said, I chose rather their dishonour than their honour. He then seeing he could not prevail over me with his temptations, he in anger passed from me, and in a short time came again, and called me to divers of his Brethren; the chief among them asked me, *If I would visit their Church, and the holy Sepulchre, and Bethlehem, and the rest of the holy places, as other Pilgrims did?* I said, at the present I had no business to visit them, and in their manner I should not visit them at all (that is to say, worship them) Then one of them said, *How could I be a Servant of God, and would not go to visit the places where the holy men of God dwelt?* I answered, That they, under pretence of doing service to God, in visiting the places where the holy men dwelt, they did oppose that Way, and resist that Life, which the holy men of God lived and walked in. One of them said, *What, did I preach unto them?* I said, I would have them turn from those evil practices they lived in, else the Wrath of the Almighty would break forth upon them, or words to that effect. They further said, *If I would*

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not go to visit the places before-mentioned, would I give the 25. Dollers; as is the manner of those that visited them? for (said they) the Turks must be paid whether I would visit them or not; but if I would visit them, then they would pay it for me. I said, I would not have them to pay it for me; but if the Turks had a Law to compel me to pay 25. Dollers when I visited not the places, as those did pay that did visit them, I said that Law was unequal; and I should chuse rather to suffer the penalty of the same in breaking it, than to give 25. Dollers to fulfil it.

After this the Popish Friars brought me before a Turk in Authority in that place, who asked me divers Questions, and soberly received Answers thereunto; and soberly discoursed with me about the Worship of the Christians; and also asked me the ground of my coming to Jerusalem? I answered him, The Lord God of Heaven and Earth had appeared unto me, and commanded me to come thither, and in obedience unto him I was come; and further, in the power of the Lord I declared the great and tender love of God in visiting them, and his great and compassionate mercies that he would gather them in this the Day of his gathering. And this was that which lay upon me from the Lord to declare unto them, whether they would hear or forbear.

And thus, my dear Friends, I cleared my Conscience, whether they would hear or forbear; wherein I found great peace with the Lord, who in my many tryals was not wanting unto me, but magnified his glorious Name in going along with me, and preserving me; to whom is all the glory due for ever more, Amen.

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THE END.